Journalists angered by 'secret' talks on London merger

airnalists at the " Evening News ". London, yesterday demanded tails of the proposed merger with Evening Standard " and hinted industrial action. Their union presentatives will today urge the cretary of State for Prices and onsumer Protection to refer the

deal to the Monopolies Commission. An attempt to remove Mr Jocelyn Stevens, the chief executive, from the board of Beaverbrook Newspapers was foiled by Sir Max Aitken, the chairman, it has been disclosed.

MPs in deputation to minister

journalists at the Evening be fully informed by noon by of developments in the expaper's proposed merger to the Evening Standard, flure to meet the deadline ild lead to industrial action journalists at both evening

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In a strongly worded letter to
Vere Harmsworth, chairman
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The union deplored the errory of the talks between the companies which, it mainined, had caused unnecessary affering. "Neither side has eased its employees with the pencess and frankness that is seir dua", it said.

An artempt to placate the munists was made yesterday y Mr Louis Kirby, editor of the Evening News. He contrated in a letter to them that

med in a letter to them that were talks were in progress. le assured them that no deci-ies on staffing had been made, ad denied rumours that journa--sis from the Standard would

ceive priority.

While acknowledging the paralism concern, Mr Kirby and there was no question of the News being wound up to weserve the Standard. The new condon paner, he said, would to in the newment of an evening Daily Mail.

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stion of Mr Peter Hethering-in, joint deputy chairman with ir Stevens. A source close to ir Stevens commented that "it

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Mr Stevens had arranged a rief holiday in Austria, timing

to coincide with the absence

talks concerning the sale of

Canada on business of Mr

By Shella Black

talks, although the company had apparently been much more forthright with the

are to meet Mr Hattersley, Secretary of Sizze for Prices and Consumer Protection, this afternoon to seek clarification of whether a merger would be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

The union representatives will urge a referral of the case.
A deputation of Labour MPs led by Mr Max Madden, chairman of the parliamentary

man of the parliamentary party's employment group, will also be at the meeting. Mr Madden said last night: "We shall stress the conse-quences that would flow from a single avening newspaper coversingle evening newspaper covering the whole of Greater London, which would have a monopoly of news." They would ask whether the matter should be considered by the Monopolies Commission.

Journalists at both evening papers are awaiting the outcome of today's events before planning further action. They indicated yesterday that industrial action was possible if their demands were not met.

In the Commons yesterday
Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and
Ongar, tabled a motion greatly
regretting the potential discappearance of the Evening
Standard.

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The short-lived dismissal of

Mr Jocelyn Stevens

the Evening Standard to Asso-

ciated Newspapers, then under the auspices of Lord Goodman,

were expected during their absence but, in case of the need for immediate decisions, power

or immediate decisions, power of attorney was given to Mr Hetherington, who had been mainly responsible for the financial calculations of the proposed sale of the Evening Standard and the lifeline for the Daily Express.

En route from London Air-

port on his return to Britain, Mr Stevens was told by Mr Hetherington that he had been dismissed by the board. He was asked not to return to the

office and told that his posses-

sions would be sent on to him.
Mr Stevens saw Sir Max
Aitken, who immediately reinstated him. That was followed

had apparently been much more for hright with the Government.

"It appears that the management of cither Beaverbrook or Associated put in a plea some time ago to the Department of Prices and Cousumer Pratection for evasion of the Monopolies Commission", Mr Rothwell said. "We insist that there is no sudden state of emergency, and therefore such a claim is spurious."

NUI officials representing the News and Standard, and their respective stablemates, the Doily Mail and Daily Express, are so meet Mr Hattersley, and political life of the Evening Standard and their respective stablemates, the Doily Mail and Daily Express, are so meet Mr Hattersley, secretary of Stree for Prices."

Claim denied: Mr Harmsworth last night rejected a statement in The Times yesterday by Mr Jenkins that "the disappearance of the Evening Standard would leave a yawning gap in the cultural and political life of Landon". Mr Harmsworth said: "It is

Mr Harmsworth said: "It is completely at variance with the facts for Mr Jenkins to imply that the Evening Standard has campaigned for all that could be best for London and Londoners and the Evening News has not. Efforts for the public good are a matter of record.

public good are a matter of record.

"To list every successful activity of the Evening News would be a Herculean task, but its recent efforts range from active support of the arts through aggressive campaigning for social justice, to support for commuters. I can safely say that no major activity escapes the attention of the Evening News team." Evening News team."
The newspaper had not

shrunk from issues, he said. controversial issues, he said.

Commenting on the future Mr Harmsworth said: "It is totally unrealistic for anyone to perceive any new London evening paper that would be born as a result of a marriage between the Standard and the News as looking especially like either of its parents.

"A new paper would be a new product with a new life. In short an entirely new creation inspired by the example of the Daily Mail incorporating the best ingredients of today's Evening Standard with those of today's Evening News.

"In any new newspaper we shall be looking for excellence wherever it is to be found. We will not be confined by the elitist view that it exists only in the mendier part of Comden."

by the resignation last Friday of Mr Hetherington, a resigna-tion that coincided with the

appointment of Sir Mar's son, Mr Maxwell Aitken, to the main

board of Beaverbrook.

The incident does not signify dissension on the main issue,

the sale of the Evening Stan-dard to Associated, which owns

the Evening News. Except for Mr Charles Wintour, former editor and chairman of the Evening Standard and now

managing director of the Daily Express, the board is unani-mous. Mr Hetherington also supported the deal Mr Wintour

is expected to approve if he can press home conditions governing the protection of

Standard staff.

High winds and rough seas delay attempts to bring North Sea blow-out under control

Repair team lands on stricken Ekofisk oil platform

From Craig Seton
Stavanger, April 25
High winds and rough seas
were tonight threatening to
disrupt and delay the operation
to bring under control the
blow-out of oil and gas at the
Bravo piztform in the Norwegian Ekofisk field.
Throughout today the
weather has deteriorated and
although a repair team got on
to the pizeform from the
anchored pipe-laying vessel
Chootaw, little preparatory work on the platform from the anchored pipe-laying vessel Chootaw, little preparatory work was completed for the find effort to cap the flow of oil, which Norwegian authorities now hope can start tomorrow.

About 12,000 tons of crude residual oil have poured into the sea since the blow-out on Friday 200 mites from the British coast. The growing slick British coast. The growing slick is now estimated to be nearly 20 miles bong by six miles wide and is moving slowly northwards, but Norway's anti-pollution agency said that there was no immediate danger of pollution to the British, Norwegian or Danish coasts.

The Norwegian authorities and Phillips Petroleum Company, which operates the Ekolish of ships awaiting the Bruvo platform surrounded by a fotilla of ships awaiting the chance to plug the leak and surrounded by a fotilla of ships awaiting the chance to plug the leak and surrounded by a fotilla of ships awaiting the chance to plug the leak and surrounded by a fotilla of ships awaiting the chance to plug the leak and surrounded by a fotilla of ships awaiting the chance to plug the leak and surrounded by a fotilla of ships awaiting the company. f-otilia of ships awaiting the chance to plug the leak and clear the water of oil.

Six ships carrying booms to surround the slick and skim-ming vessels to take the oil from the surface of the sea were involved in the operation by tonight, as well as nine ships carrying chemical dispersants. Eut while the booms and slammers are unlikely to be of

any use while the sea is rough, Phillips and the Norwegian Gorernment have indicated that they are refuctant to use chemical dispersants to break up and sink the oil because of the danger to fish stocks. The Danish Government has already warned them not to use chemicals.

Norway's Labour Government Norway's Labour Government is coming under increasing pressure from some of the minor opposition parties over the incident, which is likely to throw doubt on the country's plans to surve; and eventually drill for oil above the 62°N parallel.

This afternoon it was reported that two more ships were on their way from Göteborg, Sweden, and another from Denmark to help in the operation. Phillips have other vessels standing by with the team of oil-fire fighters led by Mr Paul "Red" Adair. As soon as the full operation

The Norwegian Government announced that an independent committee of inquiry would be begins on the Bravo piatform, the oil men will attempt to cap the 4½ in diameter pipe from which oil is being forced up-

below the seabed.

This afternoon in a ship-to-shore radio link with the Norwegian fire-fighting vessel Seaway Falcon. Mr Oeyvind Hollekim, the captain, told me that the ship was still standing a few yards off Bravo, pouring thousands of gallons of water to cool the escaping oil.

He said that the lack of wind early this morning had allowed gas to build up around the platform, and of had accumulated on the helicopter landing pad, making it impossible for a helicopter to put down a repair copter to put down a repair

"It was impossible to use a helicopter then and it is impos-sible now. The wind is getting up and is now at 30 knots and the weather is getting worse."

The captain added that the British firefighting vessel Forties Kiwi was standing by the platform, but was not yet being used.

Mr Hans Christian Bugge, of the Norwerian pollution control

wards by pressure at nearly agency, said that booms and 5,000th per square inch from skimmers would soon be at the below the seabed. platform with capacity for clearing oil from the sea's surface at the rate of 8,000 tons a day. But he would not be drawn on how quickly they could be used if the weather continued

to worsen.

Mr Gordon Goering, director of Phillips's Norwegian opera-tion, confirmed that the Ekofisk complex had been shut while the company tackled the Bravo crisis. There was little danger of fire and the 350 Phillips offshore employees were in no danger.

we believe everything is going according to plan", he said. If everything went smoothly at the time of the final cap it could be completed within a few hours, but this would depend on the weather. In the meantime, the drilling vessel Orion, which will arrive in the Ekofisk field by tomorrow, will prepare for the possirow, will prepare for the possi-bility of drilling a second relief well to reduce the flow. Hopes for tomorrow, page 6

Treasury's spending chief moves to Trade

By Peter Hennessy Mr Leon Pliatzky, the Second Ar Leon Phatrky, the Second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, who is responsible for controlling public expenditure, is to move to the Department of Trade as permanent secretary to succeed Sir Peter Thornton, who is retiring in August.

Two other second permanent secretaries have announced their deporture from the Treastheir deporture from the Treasury in the past two months. Mr Alan Lord left for Dunlop, and Sir Derek Mitchell is to join Guinness Mahon next month. When Sir Bryan Hopkin retires from the post of chief economic adviser in the autumn, only the permanent secretary, Sir Douglas Wass, will remain from the top five who began 1977.

Mr Pliatzky is one of the Treasury's most distinctive postwar characters. He is an abulikent Lancastrian, and a policy-maker of high distinction, who expresses his views

policy-maker of high distinction, who expresses his views in colourful and direct language. His colleagues say: "Leo hasn't a drop of blood in his veins; it's all adrenalin." After a lifetime in the Treasury's spending divisions he has turned the control of public expenditure into something of a crusade. Public confidence in the Cabiner's ability to govern, as well as the reputation of the Treasury, was at stake.

of the system of five yearly public spending pro grammes, as recommended by the Plowden report of 1961, resources were over-committed, Mr Pliatzky believed. With Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he imposed cash limits on two thirds of govern-

ment spending, setting limits that could be breached only by a decision of the Cabinet.

"Leo has been magnificent, standing there and saying:
"They shall not pass", an admiring colleague commented. So effective is the new arrange-Continued on page 2, col 3



If you have ears . . . Mr Callaghan and Herr Schmidt. the West German Chancellor, wear special muffs as protection against jet noise at RAF Brüggen, in Germany. Mr Callaghan had

forces in Germany for some time and had the idea of asking Herr Schmidt to join him as a political gesture to emphasize Britain's commitment to Nate (Dan van der Vat writes). The two men put on camouflage jackets to watch a takeoff of 30 Jaguar

fighters, a missile exercise and demonstrations of other activities at the airfield to of four operational P to bases in West German a Contrary to rumour, subject that did not

during the fleeting conversations between inspections was the issue of West German offset payments to Britain to help meet the foreign exchange costs involved in maintaining forces in Germany. The West Germans, who regard this arrangement as a last vestige of military occupation, are opposed to renewing the agreement which expired last year. They say the amount involved is insignificant compared with

the financial aid Bonn has given London in many other ways. The offset issue is therefore likely to remain Two into one, page 14 Leading article, page 15 Mr Pliatzky: "All adrenalia." in limbo for a long time,

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Obituary, page 16 Mrs Lucy Masterman; Lord Slater

Court ruling on Slater appeal likely today

Nield and Mr Justice Stocker, n in the High Mr Waterhouse was applying An attempt began in the High Court yesterday to reverse a decision of Mr Kenneth Barraclough, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, who in January ruled that Mr James Slater, the financier, should not be extracited to Singapore to face criminal charges. was no question of placing Mr. Slater, aged 47, in double jeopardy, as there were at least seven other legal resorts to which he could turn, with finally an appeal to the Privy Course. nal charges.

nal charges.

Mr Ronald Waterhouse, QC, for the Republic of Singapore, said Mr Barraclough was in a state of serious confusion over whether he should apply Singapore or English law when reaching his decision.

"The reasoning of the magistrate was wrong in law. He asked himself the wrong questions and declared himself wrongly on the record." Mr

wrongly on the record." Mr Waterhouse told Lord Justice. Shaw, sitting with Mr Justice

On January 26 last, Mr Berreclough refused to order the extradition of Mr Slater on six charges alleging that he conspired to commit a criminal breach of trust and to cheat shareholders of Haw Par Bros International of Singapore. There were no prima facie cases against him, Mr Barraclough

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Zaire forces capture key town in Shaba

Kolwed, Zaire, April 25.—
Zaire forces, backed by Moroccan troops, captured the town of Mutshatsha today, the first big victory of an 11-day counter-offensive against rebels in the southern province of Shaba, a military spokesman said.

Mutshatsha, 50 miles west of here, was seized by rebels a month ago today and was regarded by the Zaire Government as an important target symbolizing its resolve to push back the invaders.

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The town, perched on the railway that links up in Angola with the British-owned Benguela line, fell in a surprise strike just before dawn, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the

Kasaji to the west, where a group of 12 Plymouth Brethren missionaries from Britain, New Zealand and Canada are based. They have not been heard of for several weeks, informed sources said.

sources said.

The last major physical obstacle to the Government thrust was the Lubudi River, crossed by a damaged bridge which yesterday was still under

which yesterday was still under repair.

"We repaired the bridge and crossed. The enemy knew we were advancing, but did not know we would cross the bridge so quickly", the spokesman said. "There were some wounded", he added Kasaji, the next target, was the scene of bitter fighting over a month ago.—Retter.

a month ago.-Reuter.

Ethiopian plane hijackers shot

The crew of an Ethiopian air-liner on an internal flight killed two hijackers trying to escape to Saudi Arabia today, Addis Ababa radio said in a report monitored in London. It described the men as mem bers of the Eritrean Liberation

Front. They were killed after a struggle and the airliner landed safely at Addis Ababa. —Reuter.

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Dismissal of **Tyndale** six proposed

By Mark Jackson, of The Times Educational Supplement

An Inner London Education Authority disciplinary tribunal has recommended the immedi-are dismissal of the headmaster and five teachers of the former William Tyndale junior school in Islington, north London. All six have been found guilty of indiscipline in going on strike against an inspection of the school in September, 1975. The six are Mr Terence Ellis, the headmaster, Mr Brian Had-

dow, Mrs Dorothy McColgan, Mrs Jackie McWhirter, Miss Sheila Green and Mr Steven Felton. They say they will exercise their right to appeal to an ILEA subcommittee and, if that fails, to an industrial tribunal. Subject to the appeal, the ILEA tribunal's recommendations will go to the schools subcommittee

The teachers learnt of the recommendations in a 102-page report handed to them yesterday. The proceedings ended a the beginning of March after 62 days, almost exactly the time taken by last year's public in-quiry by Mr Robin Auld, QC, into the breakdown at the

The tribunal, headed by Mr Gary Flather, a barrister, found that in striking against a planned inspection all six teachers had absented them selves without authority and that they had disobeyed an in-struction from the education officer in continuing to run an alternative school during the strike.

The tribunal also found against Mr Ellis and Mr Haddow on charges of inefficiency and against Mr Ellis only of misconduct in closing the school for the strike .

On those further counts It is recommended that Mr Ellis should be downgraded; no action is recommended against

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Fresh cut by anks in cost of borrowing

orrowing costs were reduced for the 1th time this year when clearing and amounced cuts in base rates for the column to the column. on 91 to 9 per cent. The fall, slowing last Friday's cut in minimum inding rate to 81 per cent, means that are rates have been reduced by 5 per sent since January 1. Most personal training to the personal training rate in the personal training rate in the personal training rate between 12 reducts will now cost between 12 ad 14 per cent. Blue chip borrowers 12 pay 10 per cent. Page 17 pay 10 per cent

apan rebuffs UK

senior Japanese official has described unrealistic and unfeasible "the call ist week by Mr Dell, Secretary of tate for Trade, that Japan should ouble its imports from the United ingdom in the next two years to rectify the trade. be trade imbalance between the two buntries Page 17

Cost of Strasbourg

the time and money spent by the shish Government in answering com-laints made against it to the European commission of Human Rights at Strasbourg is greater than them of any of the 12 other countries that have ratified the convention allowing individual lases to be taken to Strasbourg Page 5

Britain offers deal on farm prices

In return for a slightly larger butter subsidy, the British Government is now prepared to accept the package of higher EEC farm prices which it rejected as too inflationary a month ago.

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Tory vote strategy

The Conservatives will avoid a direct "no" vote at the end of tomorrow's Commons debate on the Government's prices Bill, but they have decided to table a reasoned amendment that might win support from Liberals and Uster Unionists

Pressure on pact

The social contract came under fresh The social contract came under fresh pressure from clothing and engineering workers and the breaksway Scottish Labour Party. But the shopworkers' union voted to support a phase-three pay deal after its leader. Lord Allen of Fallowfield, had said the Government would fall if the pact was not renewed Page 2

Foreign Office plan

The reported recommendation of the The reported recommendation of the Think Tank, that the Foreign Office should be merged in an enlarged home civil service, might produce an even more powerful Foreign department. Functions of the Department of Trade and Ministry of Overseas Development would probably be attached Page 6

No EEC move yet on Middle East

Dr Owen, Britain's Foreign Secretary, who is in Cairo, said yesterday that the time was not yet ripe for a Middle East initiative by the EEC, but the question might be considered later this year. He has bad talks with Mr Ismail Fahmi, his Egyptian counterpart Page 7 Egyptian counterpart

Ulster warning

"loyalist" ultimatum gave Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, seven days to introduce tougher security and amounce a new parliament. There were strong indications that a strike similar to that of 1974 might begin in a week's time

Hanie visiter: Mr Pham Van Dong, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, has begun an official visit to Paris 6 Robben Island: In great secrecy, a group of journalists is taken on a visit to South Africa's maximum security

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Tories will divide Commons on prices Bill, but avoid direct 'no' vote

While avoiding a direct " No " vote on the Government's Price Commission Bill, which seeks to strengthen price controls, the Conservatives will divide the Commons tomorrow on a reasoned amendment that may win support from both the Liberals and the Ulster Unionists.

The Shadow Cabinet last night decided to table the following amendment:

This House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which establishes a system of price control that will discourage invest-ment and destroy jobs without any genuine benefit to the consumer and does nothing to mitigate the Government's disastrous record on prices which are rising at 19.9 per cent compared with 8.4 per cent in October, 1974.

The Conservatives condemn the Bill as a measure of economic management, but recognize that it may be necessary, suitably modified in committee, as part of the bargain with the unions for a further instalment of the wage-restraint policy.

They would prefer the level of prices to be settled by greater competition, rather than by elaborate bureaucratic controls. They hope to defear the suggestion that price controls should continue indefin-

On the latter point, they will because probably succeed, because clause 17, which is involved in the argument, is also opposed by Labour backbenchers because of its impact on waga bargaining. The left-wing Tribune group, indeed, last night decided to demand that clause's render employers immune to actions for breach of contract if they reduced wages to keep within price control limits.

The Liberals have been criti-cal of the Bill, as drafted, because they think the criteria on which prices could be justi-fied need to be clarified. They also want stronger powers to investigate monopolies and the nationalized industries. Last night they had not decided how to vote on the Con-

amendment, While the Conservatives were drafting their amendment yes-



Mrs Thatcher and Mr Robert Blair, the Conservative candidate, studying the rising fish prices at Grismby dock auction vesterday.

of State for Prices and Con-sumer Protection, was in Grimsby, saking part in the campaign for Thursday's by-election, which was caused by the death of Mr Crosland,

Foreign Secretary.

Mr Hattersley said he had no doubt that the people of Grimsby supported the Bill and wanted the Government to act decisively against unjustified price increases, before polling, Mr Robert Blair, the Conservative candidate, ought to make clear where he stood, he added.

"If he would not support the Bill, there is no point in his running around Grimsby talking about prices. Nobody denies that inflation is the country's major problem. The present rate is bad for the economy as a whole, bad for individual families who struggle

to balance their weekly budgets by other benefits to the British and particularly bad for the lower-paid, the pensioners and large families."

large families."
Mr Hattersley said Labour's
plan to control inflation had three main components. A third year of wages policy was required to reduce costs at home and bolster confidence abroad so that we could maintain the value of the pound.
Secondly, there had to be
strict control on public expenditure. "It is impossible to con-

fine the cuts to any one section of government activity, but it is preposterous to demand increases in expenditure, as the Conservatives continue to do, and pretend to be responsibly concerned about inflation." The third requirement was a

robust resistance to any change in the value of the "green pound", unless the change could be more than outweighed

consumer.

Mr Hautersley said the Price
Commission Bill contained the
strongest and most effective powers to control prices that Britain had ever known. It would oblige companies contemplating price increases to give the Price Commission 28 days' notice of their intention. It would enable the commission to investigate any proposals that it suspected to be un-reasonable or unnecessary and to hold the price at its original level while the investigation

Most important, it would empower the Government, if the investigation confirmed that a price rise was unjusti-fied, to extend the price freeze for nine months. The effect would be a price freeze on selected goods and services that might last for a full year.

Phase three gets some backing and new threat

By Paul Routledge

The social contract came under fresh pressure yesterday from clothing workers, engin-eering workers' leaders, and the rebel Scottish Labour Party, but the shopworkers' union stuck to its traditional attitude of wage moderation.

Leaders of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers said in their report for the union's conference on May 9: "Since the beginning of the year annual price rises have outstripped wage increases—a situation which must be recti-fied." The warning comes after rank-and-file demands for a return to free collective bar-gaining which are reflected in the agenda for the conference of the union's dominant engineering section next week.

Ministers will draw some comfort from the not unexpected decision by delegates to the conference of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, which voted to oppose a return to unfertered pay bargaining. More surprising was the appearance of signs of revort on the agenda of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, which confers next mouth.

Branches in Leeds, London and Liverpool are urging delegates to vote against any more wage restraint. The Manchester branch calls for rises of between £6 and £13.33 a week. The union, which has 110,000 members, operates in a low-paid in-dustry and found difficulty in winning the phase one £5 rise in many clothing factories. The Scottish Labour Party has clotharized 2 Of Scottish trade

circularized 2,000 Scottish trade

circularized 2,000 Scottish trade union workers with a message calling for an "alternative strategy" and urging them to reject the "threats and blandishments" of the Government.

Mr James Sillars, MP for Ayrshire, South, the party's leader, described Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey as "the political equivalent of quack doctors". He said that over the past few days there had been a few days there had been a well orchestrated ministerial onslaught on the trade union movement, with warnings of the dire consequences of rejecting

Seven days' ultimatum by 'loyalist' leaders From Stewart Tendler Belfast "Loyalist" leaders yesterday drew up an ultimatum for Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Mason, Secretary of State for The statement said "If the suggested action took place for Merse suggested action took place for Merse

Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, giving him seven days to introduce a stricter security policy and an-nounce a new Ulster parliament or face confrontation.

There were strong indications yesterday that the confrontation will take the form of a fresh loyalist strike, similar to the one in 1974, and the action might begin in a week's time. might begin in a week's time.
The ultimarum was produced
by the United Unionist Action
Council, which is seeking a
meeting with Mr Mason.
The council is led by the Rev
Iam Paisley, leader of the Democraric Unionist party and MP
for Antrim north, and includes
among its members the Ulster
Defence Association and the

Defence Association and the Ulster Workers' Council.

In 1974 the UWC organized the strike that brought down the power-sharing Administration, and the UDA the largest Protestant paramilitary group, played an important part in enforcing the strike.

reporting the strike.

This morning the Belfast

Nons Letter, a local newspaper, will carry an advertisement from the council, which reads

from the council, which reads in part:
In the name of the Ulster loyalist people we give notice to Mr Mason that he has seven days to begin a powerful and effective offensive against the IRA and amounce steps to implement the Convention report. The road is open to you, Mr Mason. If you do not act now, Ulster loyalists will act.

will act.
It is known that a second half-page advertisement has been booked to appear in the newspaper on Friday but the council has not released the text. After the council had met yesterday Mr Ernest Baird, leader of the United Ulster Unionist Movement, said:
"We would not be putting in the advertisement without

in the advertisement without in the advertisement without making some plans. I would not rule out a strike. All we are saying is that at the end of seven days something will happen and it wou't be a one-day wonder."

Mr Mason's first response to the prospects of a strike cause.

the prospects of a strike came in a statement last night after he had met leaders of the Orange Order, who want him to pursue a stricter security suggested action took place
... old people, children, hospital patients and many others
would be subjected to appalling
difficulties. Nor could they
ignore the disastrous effect on

investors in from abroad." The people of the United Kingdom might not be sympathetic to a strike in the light of the many attempts to im-

prove the economic and industrial condition of Northern Ireland, the statement said. It added that the Ulster community should bear in mind

that only the Provisional IRA could benefit from the chaos created by a strike. The statement shows that Mr

Mason has clearly made up his mind that the strike could not be defined as a normal indus-trial dispute, which might hin-der a Labour Government's attitude towards dealing with

Both Mr Harry West, leader of the Official Unionist Party, and Mr William Craig, leader of the Vanguard Unionist Party, have maintained their distance from the council.

Neave talks: Mr Airey Neave, Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, began talks with the United Ulster Unionwith the United Ulster Unionists yesterday with the object of establishing a new concordat about security and political development in Ulster (our Political Staff writes). His meeting with Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionists at Wasterinston and Mr James Mostroineton and Mr James Mostroineton and Mr James Mostroineton and Mr James Mostroineton and Mr James Masterinston and Mr James Mr J Westminster, and Mr James Mc-Cusker, the chief whip, will resume today.

The loyalists were encouraged by Mr Neave's speech on Saturday which called for stricter measures and a "search and destroy" operation by a new counter-terrorism unit. He indicated that he intends to visit Illster in the intends to visit Ulster in the next 10 days to discuss the plan Manslaughter charge: Michael Williams, a British soldier, went on trial at Belfast City Commission yesterday, charged with unlawfully killing Majelia O'Hare, aged 12, as she walked to confession in a Roman

to confession in a Roman Catholic church Private Williams, aged 24, of The Third Parachute Regiment, pleaded not guilty to the girl's manslaughter last August at Ballymoyer, co Armagh.

Liverpool A reprieve for the liferte ferries, the threatened classes of which has provoked open-tion from several local for and among many local people will probably be among

The ferries were discussed a meeting yesterday between Mr William Sefton, character of Merseyside County County and the chairmen of the

district councils in the action of the character of the retention of the ferries in at least some transport uses well as for leisure A sum of money has alre

been allocated to the ferrie for next year. for next year.

The districts disagree about what should happen to the ieries. One, which has no direct benefit from them, objects a having to pay towards the fin-loss they make a year. But it is thought that a compromise has been reached, involving a reprieve

An enabling Bill is being promoted in the Commons by the Merseyside Passenge Transport Executive, which if successful, would give the authority power to close the two ferries operating between Pier Head in Liverpool and Birkenhead and Wallasey.

Head who stole from his school fined £300

Dr David Abbott the £8500, a year headmaster of a grammer year neadmaster of a grammy school, turned to crime when he was subjected to abuse for the ing up the post after his pre-decessor had resigned in pro-test at the change to the com-prehensive system. Northamp ton magistrates were told yes-

ton magisfrates were told yesterday.

Dr Abbott, aged 39, of Roman Hill, Barton, Cambridgshire, who resigned from Northampton Boys' Grammar School after his arrest early this year, pleaded gullty to four charges of stealing money from a coffee machine in the common room, stealing books, and school funds, and fiddling his expenses.

his expenses.

He asked for 10 similar offences to be considered and was fined a total of £306 and ordered to pay £258 in compensation.

Strike holds up. interviews for new race body By Our Home Affairs

Correspondent

A one-day strike by 130 staff of the Community Relations viewing yesterday for loss at the new Commission for Racial Equality, which is to replace it and the Race Relations Board. The strike, by members of

the strike, by members of the Association of Scientific. Technical and Managerial Staffs, is over two senior staff, Mr Surendra Kumar and Mr Aaron Haynes, who, the staff say, "have been made redundant although there are still four vacancies in their grade."

Staff are worried that there Staff are worried that mere may be more redundances.

Six miners were injured when a runaway wagon crashed at a Maerdy colliery, Mid Glamor gan, South Wales, yesterday.

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Tussle begins for share-out of the rate-support grant

Local Government Correspondent

The local authority associations representing councils ation believed. "The best way throughout England and Wales to lift up the inner cities is by shares of the Government's regenerating industry and em-ployment, and money for that rate-support grant for next year, with the ink scarcely ments of industry and employrate-support grant for next year, with the ink scarcely dried on rate demands for this

As ratepayers were considernational average by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, the Association of County Councils said yester-day that the swing of resources to the metropolizan areas had gone roo far.
Mr Carleton Hetherington,

secretary, rejected the argument put forward by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) that the swing to the cities had corrected a swing in the opposite direction from 1967 to 1973.

He said the non-metropolitan areas had had to cope with the needs of more people as the population had spilled out from the conurbations. "We do not accept the argument that there should be such a swing back.

The inner cities, to which Mr Shore had promised govern-ment resources, should be financed mainly outside the rate-support grant, his associ-ation believed. "The best way

The association would like the system of providing money ing their payments for 1977-78, according to need to be ad-comparing them with the 15 per justed to take account of the cent increase predicted as a real needs, based on population, rather than have it based on the amount of past spending of an authority.

The Association of Metro-politan Authorities is arguing in favour of changing the government grant to the inner urban areas. It said that Mr Shore was under pressure from those who felt that move had gone far enough. "The switch has happened because the grant now recognizes the growing problems of social and physical deprivation in the

urban areas."

The AMA says that the gain to the contributions since 1974 has been 5.3 per cent, compared with a loss of 7.5 per cent from 1967 to 1973.

Police likely to reject new pay offer

The Police Federation is to continue its campaign for "fair play" on pay, despite a new offer made yesterday by the Home Office within the stage two guidelines on income policy.

A statement by the federation made clear that it was unlikely to be accepted. "We shall be pressing for very substantial improvements. The campaign for fair play for the police will continue. Police are still being denied an award of £6 a

Dartmoor jail officers to cut overtime

Prison officers at Dartmoor ditions, decided vesterday to work only 10 hours a week overtime, compared with the present average of 25 hours.

The 150 officers, who say they have the support of col-leagues at more than fifty British jails, also decided not to cooperate with a Home Office inspection team next

Shopworkers back social contract after warning that Labour could fall "The issue concerning us is for more of the lowest paid: From Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter Scarborough

The social contract survived a crucial test among 400,000 shopworkers yesterday after Lord Allen of Fallowfield, thairman of the TUC economic committee, had given a clear warning that the Government would fall unless there was a phase three nay policy. phase three pay policy.

The conference of the Union

of Shop, Distributive and Affied Workers (Usdaw), at Scar-borough, voted two to one for an extension of income policy. But during an actimonious de-bate it was far from clear which way the decision would

It was the first big union conference to vote on the TUC-Government pact after grudg-ing support for its continuation from the Wales and Scottish

Lord Fen. who is the union's ral secretary, was heckled IS 1 he appealed for another, here policy. He named eight polodallon which the TUC wanted Side, here to create the right right economic and social climate for phase three. The recurring theme of his speech was that the door would be

whether we can hope to retain a Labour government and whether we have earned the right to do so", he said. "Are you prepared to place loyalty and frust in those in the TUC who are expected to represent the interests of our movement together with Callaghan, Foot, Healey and Benn? Or are you prepared to trust Keith Joseph and Mrs. Thatcher?"

The issue concerning us is for more of the lowest paid; reintroduction of subsidies on basic foods; reform of the EEC's common agricultural policy; provision of another \$1,000m a year for the National Enterprise Board; temporary selective import controls; a Covernment veto on redundancies while grant-aid schemes are expanded; stopping the City hindering the pound from the paid;

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Delegates voted for a motion that commits the union to seek a return to productivity barof sensible differentials and tent to the International Mone-shift premiums in the next tary Fund. gaining and the reintroduction the Government's letter of inround of talks.

The vote in favour of continued restraint, 208,000 to 93,000, comes from a union 93,000, comes from a union whose members nearly all earn less than f40 a week. Three-fifths of the members are women. The feeling among speakers advocating the pay policy was that the members have fared better under the social contract than they would have done with free bargaining.

ing. Lord Allen's eight points for the basis of a phase-three bar-gain with the Government were: A permanent system of opened to Mrs Thatcher if the selective price controls; aboli-social contract was thrown out. tion of all or most income tax

same type of aircraft showed a

fence and the official noise monitoring sites, and it has been substantially noisier than subsonic aircraft here", the

report says.
At the fixed monitoring

sites, one departure in three

than the loudest subsonic

rising on foreign exchanges.

He said that because the deal would largely pay for itself it would not violate the terms of

Lord Allen said the union was looking for a less rigid policy: "The need is for an orderly return to free collective bargaining within a stage three policy which will help the low-paid at present caught in the poverty trap and remove some of the anomalies that have become apparent during the past two

He appeared unenthusiastic about a "kitty bargaining" arrangement Like Mr Healey, who addressed the conference on Sunday, Lord Allen told delegates that uncontrolled bargaining meant that those with the greatest energy wild the greatest shore.

last word on strike action

Agency wants

Journalists employed by the Press Association said last night that they would not take industrial action on the instructions of their union's national executive unless the decision was also given majority support at a mandatory meeting of their own office branch.

More then eighty members of the PA's chapel (branch) of the National Union of Journalists met to consider a decision by the union's annual meeting last week that the executive should news and photographs to news-papers involved in a dispute.

The conference voted after considering a dispute involving journalists at Kettering, Northamptonshire, which has lasted more than 20 weeks. The dele-gates also instructed the executive to call out on strike other iournalists working for East Midlands Allied Press, the em-ployer involved in the Kettering

Delegates accused the PA of strike-breaking, because its news service was still being received by newspapers involved

Thirteen paid officials of the journalists' union, including the deputy general secretary, gave 28 days' notice of strike action

Miners injured

Demonstrators again halt road inquiry

By Michael Horsnell
The second day of the renewed Archway road inquiry in north London was abandoned in uproar last night after 90 minutes of astonishing scenes between protesters and Department of Transport witnesses.

Objectors to the £11m scheme

surrounded a group of seven men sitting in the public part the police were called in to of the hall and accused them of being government officials. Mr Reiph Rolph, the harassed inspector, refused a demand exchanges over a refusal by the illness of the inspector.

Mr John Empais, aged 59,

director of the government-sponsored United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service, has been given a vote of con-fidence by its executive council.

A motion of no confidence was defeated by 10 votes to four. The council had con-sidered the confidential report

of an inquiry into the running

of the organization conducted

at the council's request by Mr

Thomas Critchley, a recently retired Home Office official.

Lord Fore, chairman of the

By a Staff Reporter

Vote of confidence in

immigrants' service chief

that they should be seated else-where and adjourned the hear-ing for 20 minutes, as the seven remained uncomfortably in

consideration of Mr Critchley's inquiry into allegations made in the press regarding the service and members of his staff,

the executive council has ex-pressed confidence in its direc-tor, Mr John Ennals". His statement acknowledged

Mr Critchley's assurance that the executive council "has

every reason to be proud of the work of a fine and dedi-

When he returned he was unable to restore order and adjourned the hearing until today to shouts of "Spies out".

commissionaries to allow some people into the inquiry. Mr Rolph was told that people were being informed that the hall was full although there were some empty seats.

Mr Rolph, who is holding most sessions of the inquiry in the evening as a concession to objectors, ordered that every-one should be allowed in. The first inquiry was aban-doned last autumn after dis-

Concorde's noise impact in its first year 'very small'

By Our Air Correspondent airport) for roughly 18,000
The environmental impact of residents.
The Concorde had shown itself to be a noisy aircraft, but successive flights of the

its first year of operations had been "very small indeed", according to a survey published yesterday by the Civil Aviation Authority. The year included British Airways scheduled services to Espain and the official noise monitoring sites, and it has duled services to Bahrain and Washington. The Concorde made 164 scheduled departures and 163 arrivals, slightly more than three a week.

Movements were spread over four routes and four runways, so that residents who had heard the Concorde would have found it a very infrequent sites, one departure in toree has recorded the loudest noise of the day from any of the three runways used by Concorde. However, these found it a very infrequent experience. It was estimated that the

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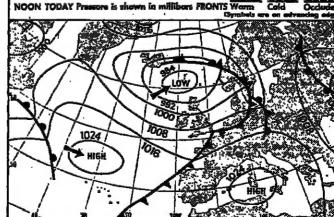
Teacher refused to compile

Miss Phyllis Bellchambers, a Portsmouth teacher, resigned when she was asked to compile secret dossiers on her pupils, a Southampton industrial tribunal

comprehensive school in Gos-port, where she had taught for 31 years, because she refused to be coerced into doing something morally repugnant.
Miss Bellchambers, aged 60,

dismissal, maintaining that its conduct in expecting her to compile the dossiers was so un-reasonable that she had no alternauve but to resign.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun tises: 5.43 am 8.15 pm Bloon sets : Moon rises : 2.5 am Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny Intervals; showers, heavy at times, hail, wintry over high ground; wind W, fresh or strong, gale in places; max temp 11° or 21°C (52° to 54°F). 11.51 am First quarter: 3.42 pm
Lighting up: 8.45 pm to 5.11 :m. High High water: London Bridge, 7.27 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 7.36 pm, 6.0m (19.6ft). Avoamouth, 12.1 am, 10.7m (35.0ft); 12.30 pm, 10.3m (33.8ft). Dover, 4.34 am, 5.3m (17.4ft)); 5.10 pm, 5.2m (17.1ft). Hull, 11.34 am, 5.9m (19.5ft). Liverpool, 4.44 am, 7.6m (24.9ft); 5.25 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Pressure will be low to the N of the British Isles. Troughs of low pressure will move E across England and Wales. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, E, NE England, East Anglia: Mostly cloudy, periods of rain, becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SW, fresh cr strong; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F). Central S, SW, NW, Central N mal. First quarter: 3.42 pm

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

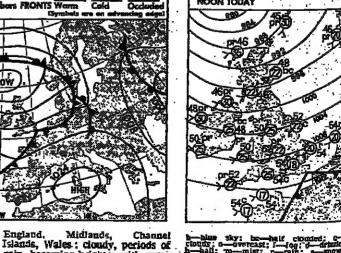
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rain, becoming brighter with sunny intervals and scattered showers;

wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 13" or 14°C (55" to 57°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Summy intervals, scattered showers; whad SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Summy intervals, showers, because



Sea passages: S North Sea. Strait of Dover, English Chamel (E): Wind SW, fresh or strops veering NW, rain at times; seamoderate or rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind SW, fresh veering NW; sea

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am 10 7 pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 7 pm 10 7 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 70 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, a trace. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 2.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,013.4 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



virgin, aged 18, he had met in rape and four years, to run consecutively, for the other.

Seven years for double rapist Christopher Young, aged 22, was granted bail after raping a

a nightchib, it was stated at Leeds Crown Court yesterday. Then he did the same again. Mr Young, a construction worker, of Nethermore View, Bingley, west Yorkshire, was jailed for three years for one

cated service". Some of Mr Ennals's critics indicated last night that they consider the issue of his future as closed. But criticisms by Mr Critchley of the organization service, announcing the decision yesterday, said that after to be considered further. and structure of the council are Boy had to eat

birds' bread Antony Speight, aged seven, ate bread left out for the birds because his mother did not feed him adequately, magis-trates at Barnsley, South York-shire, were told yesterday. Dorean Speight, aged 27, of Nether End Farm, Denby Dale, pleaded guilty to wilfully neg-lecting the child. Sentence was adjourned for three weeks for

Control of public spending made into a crusade Continued from page 1 ment that the Government

underspent by several hundreds of millions last year (precise figures will not be available and July), reviving criticisms of Treasury parsimony.

Mr Pliatzky has never been happy with accusations of Gladstonian orthodoxy. He fought hard within the Treasury's Policy Coordinating Committee last year to keep cuts in public spending to a minimum. He always distin-guished between cuts and spend-

ing control After Oxford and the Army, his first job was research secretary to the Fabian Society. His belief in social spending has in no way diminished since he entered Whitehall as an assistant principal at the Ministry of Food in 1947.

He has two years before retirement at 60 to make his mark in Victoria Street Ruy with the

in Victoria Street. But with the Department of Trade likely to be assigned a more important role if ministers accept the findings of the Berrill report on overseas representation, which will go before them at the end of next week, there should be scope for his legendary energy and reforming zeal.

Lady Yapp gets

departure.

Lady Yapp, aged 32, wife of Sir Stanley Yapp, leader of West Midlands County Council, was found not guilty yesterday of being drunk and disorderly and obstructing a police officer in the West End of London. After the evidence at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, the chairman, Mr Joseph Harris, said: "We do not think this case is anywhere near strong

£400 fine over otters British Airways was fined £400 yesterday for offences involving the handling of two

enough to have brought this

lady down from Birmingham and we have no hesitation in

dismissing these charges."

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was told yesterday. She said she left Bay House

of Jellicoe Avenue, Portsmouth, is suing the Hampshire educa-tion authority for constructive

Suny intervals, showers, heavy at times, hail, wintry over high ground; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° to 46°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Showers and snuny intervals in many heavy hair not intervals in most parts, but pos-sibly longer outbreaks of rain also; temp generally below nor-

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By Michael Baily

Linsport Correspondent

British Rail's plans to

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doser integration and coordinate helps little of public transport services."

The omline proposal for bases and trains was only one of several approaches being pursued by British Rail to improve its financial position in adifficult economic climate.

Plea on fishing penalties

The Reish Fishing Federation has called for "uniformly
tough" penalties on foreign
vessels caught illegally fishing
in British waters.
It said a £250 fine was imposed on a French skipper at
Hull caught using undersized
nets in the North Sea; while two
Spanish skippers illegally fishing off Shetland were each
fined £10,000.

The old Duke of Setherland and the new Sutherland Dis-

rict Council have shared the same difficulty. What is to be done to make a million or more

acres of splendid empuriess profitable and, in the case of

the council, actractive to live

ners would call pragmatic: remove the people and bring in sheep. The scars of that notonious piece of social engineering remain on the face of Sutherland today in detelict crofts and empty glens.

Sheep still outnumber people by 20 to one, the drift south of young people saps community life and there is little to keep anyone not totally sustained by magnificent scenery.

sined by magnificent scenery.
One significant census figure

dows that in the district's

Atoms that in the district's 1.113.600 acres, from Cape Wrath to Golspie, there are only 28 nomarried females aged hence 25 and 30. Perhaps Sutherland girls pin their stones at an earlier age; more likely, they look elsewhere and leave the old folk at home. Sutherland one contrar worsel.

otherland, one crofter mased, has lots of very little and even more grey heads. Where the duke sent people

sway in a rushless clearance, social planners today are trying to bring them back. A small but, it is to be hoped, significant spart is being made to turn the natural resources Sutherland possesses to more profitable account, to give a means and a reason for anchoring the community in the most under-

community in the most under-populated part of Britain.

In the west, where scattered ingers of coastline dip into The

In the past century the dukes ners would call pragmatic: re-

The local elections 6: Apathy may be majority party's biggest threat on Tyneside

Labour stronghold is no longer to be taken for granted

Labour must pin its hopes of retaining power on Tyne and Wear Metropolitan County Council on its ability to persuade voters that local issues and Labour's achievements in office are more important than the party's national unpopulation. the party's national unpopu-

larity.

If local issues play only a small part on May 5, the sizable Labour majority is in danger. Labour holds 72 of the 104 seats on the council. The Conservatives have 26, with support from a rank and ranguages. from a rent and ratepayers' councillor, and the Liberals have three. Two seats are

With that much strength, Labour leaders are reluctant to talk of losing control, but will be satisfied with a small majority. Conservatives and Liberals are convinced, however, that Labour will pay the price for taking its support in price for taking its support in the North-east too much for granted too often.

A realistic assessment suggests the Labour majority will prove too large for the

Conservatives to take overall control. Their best hope is to become the largest nope is to become the largest party, perhaps by one or two sears, in which case the Liberals may achieve their best prospect of holding the balance of power.

The 104 seats will be con-tested by 254 candidates, including 101 from Labour, 97 Conservatives and 39 Liberals.
Thirty minutes before nominations closed, five National Front candidates put themselves forward for seats in Sunder-land, three of them Labour land, three of them Labour marginals. Three Communists are also likely to whittle down Labour majorities.

The National Front interven-tion in an area where male unemployment runs at more than 14 per cent is seen as calculated to exploit the growing apathy of Labour supporters there as high, long-term unemployment corrodes the morale of the town's working employment corrodes the morale of the town's working

Aparhy may be Labour's biggest danger. At the election in 1973 the turnout at Tyne country, at 32 per cent.
Since then the tide has been with the Conservatives; Labour has lost almost three tenths of the district council seats it has defended, and may lose 18 seats on the basis of swings recorded in the 1975 and 1976 district

elections.
Labour will lose overall con-Labour will lose overall control if it loses 22 seats, which would require a swing of about 18 per cent. The surcess or failure of the Liberal campaign will be crucial to both main parties, but Liberal claims that they will increase their representation from three to about 15 seem highly optin—

Unemployment in Tyne and Wear ranges from more than 6 per cent in Newcastle to more

per cent in Newcastle to more than 12 per cent in South Type-side. Understandably, the Labour group, led by Mr Michael Campbell, have made industrial development a top

priority.

Against a background of de-cline in the county's traditional industries, such as shipbuilding engineering, Mr

Campbell points out that 35 nursery factories have been built and 33 more are planned. A "loans for industry" scheme to help expanding companies has spread 1,000 new jobs throughout the county. A small companies finance board is also intended to assist companies with loans and grants. The Labour group claims The Labour group claims credit for having held public

transport fares steady for nearly two years; kept the in-crease in the county rate pre-

cept down to 1.5p this year; and enabled pensioners to travel free on county buses, ferries and trains. Labour control the Metro rapid transit system for Tyneside has become a reality, albeit at a cost of £161m, and

albeit at a cost of fillin, and the Labour group hopes that with car ownership as low as 35 per cent of all households in the county ir will significantly improve public transport.

The Conservatives, led by Mr Arthur Grey, say the Metro concept was theirs. They are unhappy about the Labour

group's preoccupation with public transport to the detri-ment of the private motorist. ment of the private motorist.

They particularly want more help for ratepayers and would examine the county's rate structure with a view to possible cuts. They would also reduce council committee meetings, prune the staff and promise more autonomy to the districts. They are particularly scarhing about the five consumer advice centres Labour established, costing £600,000 a

year.
The Liberals consider Tyne and Wear metropolitan county far too big and want it abolished. They want a directly elected regional authority, with many of the county's resoponsibilities transferred to district councils.

There is every indication that the Liberals will be badly squeezed as the two main parties fight for control, but if they manage to hold their three seats they may play an important role in the future administration of Tyne and West.

Stronger role urged for the Ombudsman

By a Stuff Reporter

The strengthening of the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) is urged in a report published today by Justice, the British section of the International Commission of Jursists.

The report, prepared by its committee on administrative law, comes 10 years after the Parliamentary Commissioner Act, 1967. It concludes that although the institution has worked well it has done so within a restricted frame of reference.

erence.
Its existence is not well enough known and is under used, the report adds. That is because the Ombudsman can be approached only through an MP and is limited to dealing with questions of alleged maladministration.

The institution is potentially one of the most important safeguards for the cirizen, but it needs to be developed from its modest beginning and given a more effective and widely known role.

To that end, the committee of 16, chaired by Mr David Widdicombe, QC, suggests that there should be an obligation to consult the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Com-missioner before the appointment of a new commissioner and that neither the commis-

chosen exclusively from the Civil Service. The committee also recom-The committee also recommends that Treasury control over the number of the Ombudsman's staff should be replaced with Civil Service courtol anti that the scope of his jurisdiction should be widened. He should be empowered to investigate any "unreasonable, unjust or oppressive action" instead of "maladministration" and to " maladministration " undertake investigations on his own initiative. He should also

have power to suggest changes in legislation. Easier access to the com-missioner would be achieved if complaints could be made directly to him by members of the public, who at present can do so only through MPs. A detained person should be able to send letters to him or an

MP without the correspondence being opened. Finally, the report urges, the commissioner should supply full details of his "results report" to the press unless asked now to do so by either the com-plainant or the referring MP. He should also make more use of press conferences and inter-views on radio and television, and make his quarterly and annual reports more readable and informative. Our Fettered Ombulsman (Justice, 2 Clement's Inn, London, WC2, £1.50).

Theft at hotel

The manageress and elderly night porter of the Adria Hotel, Queensgate, south Kensington, Lonoon, were over-powered and bound by two men who took £10,000 from s

Diana Dors gains ban

Miss Diana Dors, the actress, has been granted a High Court ban until next Friday on the publication of her life story by Wolf Rilla, the author, and Everest Books.

Rabies law broken by Saudi prince

A Saudi prince, aged 13, broke Britain's anti-rabies law when he brought two whippers into Heathrow airport, London, magistrates at Uxbridge were told yesterday. Saudi Arabian Airbues was fined 1600 and ordered to pay £50 costs. The prince was not summoned.

The unnamed prince, travell-ing first-class, carried the dogs openly in a cardboard box, Mr Roger Cox, for the prosecution said. On arrival, an embassy Mercedes car was waiting for him. Mr David Rosser, chairman, said: "There can be no exemption by rank or favour. Prince or not, the laws of this country have to be observed. In this particular situation, the obligation should have been all the more great."

Mr David Miller, for the defence, said the prince had travelled with a party of children in the care of a British travelled with a party of children in the care of a British traveller with the care of a British traveller with the care of the principle of the pr tish teacher, Miss Julie Hux-ley. The crew had failed to notice the dogs in a dimly lit cabin during a night flight.
Summonses against Miss
Huxley and the pilot, Captain
Mahmood Bukhary, were with-

The airline admitted the offences, and was fined £300 for each dog.

The dogs were taken to an RSPCA hostel and put in quarantine.

£31,000 raid

Housebreakers took cash and ewelry valued at about £31,000 from the home in Paddington, London, of a niece of King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, on

deplored the sale to South gency resolution demanding a declared it said, that it was not Africa of a BBC television public apology and a penalty aware of that policy when the drama series, How Green was

Actors vote for 24-hour strike over cut in grants

By Kenneth Gosling By Kenneth Gosling

By a large majority actors and actresses voted yesterday for a 24-hour strike in protest against government cuts in grants for the arts. Equity members, worried about less money for the subsidized theatre, more closures, and a steady drop in employment, also urged the union to seek the support of other entertainment unions and al theatre workers.

at its first meeting today. Yesterday's annual meeting my Valley. The BBC described the sale as a mistake and offered an apology. Equity was also given £1,000 in compensation, since the sale was a by breach of its policy that no men and al theatre workers.

The new Equity council will breach of its policy that no programmes featuring its mem-

But Equity passed an emer- on South Africa; the BBC had payment of such a large amount that such a 'mistake

will never be made again ". Mr Marius Goring, opposing the penalty payment, said that by accepting a "blood payment" Equity would be condoning what had happened.

The union's council, in a statement reaffirmed its policy programme was sold. By the time the misrake was spotted the corporation could not prevent the showing of the last

The conference carried reso lutions calling for a minimum wage of £60 2 week.

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Minch, there is the richest white fish industry in the Highlands earning £1m a year. But little of that benefit comes to Sutherland. What some crofters are planning with the help of cientists and some funding from the Highlands and Islands Development Board is to farm the see

Scotland's outout of farmed fish is about 3,500 tons, even though the coastline is ideal, being both unpolluted and washed by the Gulf Stream. West Germany, by comparison, produces 100,000 tons of fish artificially, and several other Commental countries with inferior resources are far ahead

f Scotland. Mr Ian Telfer, development officer for Sutherland District Council, believes there is great potential for creating wealth and jobs. One estimate put a reasonable yield from coastal fish farms at 10,000 tons, which would earn £15m and create

700 new jobs. In inland Sutherland a Swiss type of tourist economy is being encouraged through such enter-prises as the Bainakeil craft tors can look forward to a hand-some first harvest, nets, weather village and in other areas small

Ronald Faux Golspie

tables, but what happens when the oil has gone "he asked. Sutherland has the same potential as other parts of the west coast where fish farms pro-

for John Ridgway's school of

reaping their first that the reaping the sea.

"It is not a straightforward way of making money. The help and advice of a fish farm manager down the coast will be vital, particularly in the early stages. It is a high risk business needing a capital outlay of the particular of the p

ness needing a capital outly of £20,000.

"Unlike sheep, fish can be irretrievably lost through a hole in the net or simply die overnight. It will be at least two years before we see a profit and we have done this without help

The Crofters' Commission encourages such developments as a way of haling me drift from the Highlands. Mr James haw Grant, its chairman, said: "I think that by their nature crofters tend to lead a cooperative kind of life, particularly with their common grazings and their common grazings and

fish farming project Regional report

Hope of prosperity from

firms are producing pewter and copper ware successfully.

Although we have oil 12 miles off the east coast at Brora, miles off the east coast at Brora, it does not appear that we are going to get any real benefit from it because we have no suitable service ports. Oil seems to have passed this place by, except for the men who travel 50 mēles to the platform yard at Nigg. That place puts roast beef on many Sutherland tables, but what happens when

west coast where tish tarms pro-ducing trout, salmon and oysters have been established successfully and there is a trend now in Sutherland towards co-operative effort. Four crofter cooperatives are planned; one at Loch a Chadh-Fi, near Ardmore Point, known to business executives who have rediscovered their waistlines there

Next month Mr Ridgway and his four crofter parmers in the venture will receive 6,000 smolt salmon for the cages suspended in the loch and begin two years of careful husbandry, before reaping their first harvest from

from the Government."
The Crofters' Commission en-

their sheep stock clubs.

"Perhaps there is a lesson here. We have found that a large club, with shareholders having only a small stake each, tend to work only half as well as a small number with a large investment each." On that basis Mr Ridgway and his cooperaand the Gulf Stream willing.

needed after N Sea blow-out: company responsible for pollution

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, is now considering what further action is indicated arising from the North Sea Ekolisk oilfield blow-out. In a statement on the incident, he said he would be keeping in touch with the Norwekeeping in touch with the Norwe-glan Government about safety matters, what caused the blow-out, and what other action might be necessary on the part of the countries concerned.

tries concerned.

Mr Benn said: Oil is currently escaping at a rate of 2,000 to 3,000 tonnes per day and a large oil slick is forming. Responsibility for dealing with the blow-out and consequential oil spillage tests with the operator, Phillips Petroleum, and the Norwegian Government. Yesterday I had talks in Oslo with the Norwegian Minister of Industry and the Norwegian Foreign Minister. The Norwegian Government has been offered Foreign Minister. The Norwegan Government has been offered whatever help and assistance they require from her Majesty's Government in dealing with the incident. They will, of course, be keeping the Government in close touch with developments.

touch with developments.

The priorities are to prevent the outbreak of fire, cap the well and stop the flow of oil and gas and deal with the oil spillage. The Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Edmund Deil) has responsibility in relation to measures required by her Majesty's Government to deal with oil pollution at sea, which is now the first priority.

I am now considering what further action is indicated arising from this incident and will keep in closs touch with the Norwegian Government about safety matters, what caused the blow-out and what other action may be necessary on the part of countries concerned.

he part of countries concerned. Mr Tom King, Opposition spokes-man on energy (Bridgwzter, C)— This is a serious matter and we note with regret that the team have had to withdraw from the rig. Would the same procedures operate for a British rig in similar

The Department of the Environmonr published a report last which said there was a 50-50 chance of a blow-out occurring on a North Sea oil rig within the next five years, and also that special procedures and arrangements for

dealing with it were considered to he adequate. Does he believe that so? The gravity of what could follow from this accident underlines just what is at risk, and the kind of security and other accidents that could affect a rig underline the need for a harder look at security

Mr Benn-I associate myself with his regret that the team that mounted the platform yesterday under difficult circumstances has now had to withdraw. The weather conditions there are difficult apart from the technical complexities which have not been experienced in similar circumstances elsewhere. I have had a list prepared for me of the preparations made by this and other governments from 1969 onwards, when the responsibility for oil spill clean-up was given to the Department of Trade, right thought to discussions that took through to discussions that took place as recently as last week at an official level as part of a continuofficial level as part of a continu-ing series among all the signatories of the Bonn Agreement of 1969, which was to deal with matters of this kind. I will see this is made

It is also clear that with the best degree of preparations that could be made, there are hazards that cannot be anticipated. The amount of preparations that can be made a advance of actual experience will have to be reexamined in the

light of that experience.

The Norwegian minister told me, and I accept it from him, that his own command structures set up in Norway had come into existence well. We were quickly notified. Dispersal ships were available with spray equipment, and the disper-sant needed. There are obviously lessons to be learnt from this and I am not giving the House the impression that I could possibly be satisfied. Mr Varley

operations'

The National Enterprise Board had

made an encouraging start, Me

Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said. Apart from the eight Government shareholdings transferred to it, the NEB had made 15 investments on its own

made is anyestments on its own account.

The Government had always made it plain, since the NEB was set up, and the Industry Bill was before the House in 1975, that it was no part of Government policy that the NEB should be the repository of lame ducks or whatever the current phase was

We cannot be sure (he added) that every NEB involvement will be successful, but so far, they have operated on a prudent basis to the benefit of the nation.

Mrs Lynda Chalker (Wallasey, C)—In view of the continuing high structural unemployment on Mer-

report on the current study being

Mr Varley—I have received a draft report from the NEB studying the situation not only on Merseyside but in the North-East too. I shall consider whether the final report, when we receive it, can be pub-

the current phrase was.

of NEB

question, said: One of the tomas which became clear from earlier experience is that the operators must accept responsibility for pollution. They cannot off-load it on to governments. The operators have a keen interest in seeing this does not occur. Under the regulations I made every operator is required to submit to the Government, and has submitted, plans for ment, and has submitted, plans for dealing with an oil spill. All these plans, some of which I have seen, have been vetted by my engineer-

ing staff from the petroleum en-gineering division. On that side a great deal has been done.

Our experience in handling oil Our experience in handling off was much advanced by the Torrey Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—As this is an inter-national problem will the minister rake steps to convene a conference of all the riparian nations of the

north-west Atlantic for the pur-pose of coordinating their monitor-ing of oil spillages of this kind? In preparing a rapid reaction capability could be consider the possibility of daving in Europe some operating capability for these problems so we do not always have to rely fully on Mr Red Adair? Mr Benn—Mr Griffiths is right in saying this is an international pro-blem, and looked at against the magnitude of a spillage of this kind the North Sea is a lake; respon-sibility must be planned interna-dically. They were who is 1860 the

tionally. That was why in 1969 the Bonn Convention was signed for cooperation between North Sea states. There has been continued states. There has been contained tontact—as recently as last week—between the signatories of the Bonn Agreement on this question.

As to whether we have adequate resources in the North Sea to deal with a sudden emergency and have always to rely on Mr Red Addir and his team, that is a matter on the state of the state which the oil companies would

which the oil companies would give us some advice.

Red Adair has been used for Middle Eastern blow-outs for a long time. His team left Texas within two hours of being asked to come and boarded the platform within 48 hours. At least those resources were available repidly and fortunately no fire interveneu meanwhile to make the situation more serious. Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat)—The question of oil platforms in the Scottish sector

puts the Scottish coast in the front line and the tourist and fishing interests are worried about pollu-Mr Bean—With the prevailing winds in the North Sea it is Nor-way which is most at risk even if the incident had occurred on the British side of the median line. It would be wrong to identify Scot-land as being in some way specially exposed to incidents of this kind.

Mr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lab)—Will a public inquiry be held by the Norwegian Government? There must be grounds for concern that the amount of safety and other equipment available in the North Sea seams to be independent. seems to be inadequate.

Mr Benn—I cannot acticipate what form the Norwegian inquiry will take but our relations with them are very close and I am sure all the information will be shared with us and made generally available.

As for the safety equipment, the United Kingdom Offsbore Operators' Association have a coordinating role and I shall take this

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—May I take it that Mr Benn will be in touch with the Norwegian Government with regard to how the accident took regard to how the accident took place in the first place? Will be half of it evaporates as a gas which ensure that such information is a hazard at a fire risk and the published in order to allay fears which have long been in people's minds about an accident of this kind.

All these matters are understood by the Government and by operating. was a technical failure or a human error. It is a good and healthy

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C) asked which Japanese companies that indicated an in-terest in establishing colour televi-sion manufacturing in the United kingdom and what reply he had

Mr. Williams (Swansea, West, Lab)—I know of only one Japanese company which is interested at the present time in setting up colour television manufacturing facilities in the United Kingdom.

All such proposes are looked at

in the United Kingdom.

All such proposals are looked at by my department from the point of view of the national interest. I should expect any new plant to provide employment in an assisted area, to use United Kingdom manufactured components to the maximum possible extent, to increase exports and to lead to a reduction of imports. The proposal is at present under-consideration. Miss Fookes—Would it not be simpler to refuse permission, altogether and set at rest the fears of companies like Rank Radio International in my constituency?

Nothing that has so far occurred, reminder that however good the

Mr Peter Emery (Honiton, C)-What percentage of oil delivered to this country could be affected in the next two years by this acci-

care from one blow-out that we hope will be corrected what effect this will have on oil supplies to the

54r Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab)—Who is Hable for the damages this oil slick may cause to the fishing grounds off the Scottish coast? Instead of public money being used to foot the bill should it not come from the oil companies? It is about time the Government told the oil companies to come together and form some agreement about joint protection services in view of accidents such as this. Mr Benn-Gil companies are responsible for pollution. That is why I am not amious, among other reasons, to take over respon-

sibility for a function which pro-perly lies with them. Arrangements with the Norwegians are close. We have been
discussing with them over a prolonged period exactly how we
would react in a situation exactly
like the one which has occurred.
The House should not suppose we
were taken by surprise. We were
discussing as recently as 10 days
ago and many years before.

Mr Demis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—Did he get the impression from the Scowish National Party spokesman that while on the one hand he was still claiming that North Sea oil was Scottish oil he was hedging his bets suggesting that if unfortunately there was a disaster in the North Sea he would disclaim all responsibility for the Scottish oil slick?

Mr Berm-I appreciate the point he is making. In this area we are inter-dependent. No country could be completely self-sufficient in being ready to cope with every

Air Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh, North, C)—One or two of Mr Benn's answers have indicated that the Government are more specia-tor than participant. Will they my to learn from this and require the oil companies and Ministry of Defence to set up an operation based on Aberdeen or Lerwick to deal with the future build up of equences ?

Mr Benn-In fairness, I did not imply that the Government were spectators. We have the powers—and have discharged them—to force people with installations to but forward plans to deal with spillage. I have seen one plan of 100 pages. We also have our own back-im facilities back-up facilities. Aberdeen and Lerwick are

aiready centres and there is one at Lowestoft to deal with the southern North Sea basin.

We were not taken by surprise by something which was always looked on as a dangerous possibi-

Mr George Younger (Ayr. C)-The prevailing wind is not so reliable at this time of year and frequently blows from the east and north-east. of meetings with local authorities. .Mr Benn-The Secretaries of State for Environment and Scotland have already taken action in con-junction with local authorities. I am well aware that there is a not leave a heavy tarry substance

to make greater use of British parts

Mr Alan Williams, Minister of Japanese about discriminating state for Industry, said he knew of against goods imported there?

only one Japanese company interested in setting up plant in policy of successive governments attained within three years of since and while it was expected in most circumstances operation here would mean a inward investment in this country in this country in the policy of successive governments attained within three years of operation here would mean a higher rate of use of British components in the maximal interest suggests otherwise. I am not a wayer the Opposition have changed their position in relation to this.

With regard to inward investment, in this instance, they are

unless an overtiding national interest suggests otherwise. I am not aware the Opposition have changed their position in relation to this. With regard to inward investment in this instance, they are operating in the context of the EEC. It would be open to any firm considering location here equally to consider location elsewhere.

One factor I have to take into account is whether I deny the opportunity of employment in the

opportunity of employment in the assisted areas to people who might conceivably get a job if this goes

ahead.
With regard to the firm in her constituency, should this project be given approval it will not be fully operational for about two years. That is rather a different timescale, which is of concern to the people whom she represents.

Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North, Lab)—While accepting his assurance on certain points, would

he not recognize there is wide-spread concern about development of yet another manufacturing

capacity when there is already sur-plus capacity in this country?

simpler to refuse permission, altogether and set at rest the fears of companies like Rank Radio International in my constituency?

Would it not be better to take a more robust line such as that the such as that the Secretary of State for Trade (Me Mr Williams—I appreciate the Dell) took when trouncing the point. I stressed in my initial reply demand for sets.

kind.

tors. Such appropriate measures as
hir Benn-I will. It may be there can be taken are, but no doubt
was a technical fallure or a human there is much to learn and we aim

Minister considering what action is Difficult negotiations on heavy electrical plant industry

ture of the heavy electrical plant industry were extremely difficult, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State not put Reyrolle Parsons manage-ment in a position where they will was not in a position to give any kind of specific assurances.

The Secretary of State complained Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Lab) had not helped the position. Wild and inaccurate statements from any source, misconceived and mischievous, only added to the Government's diffi-culties, he said.

Mr Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne; East, Leb) had asked the Secretary of State for a statement on the controls of his consultations on the Central Policy Review Staff report on the electrical power plant industry. Mr Varley (Chesterfield, Lab)-I.

expect to be in a position to make approuncement shortly. Mr Thomas-Would Mr Variev give me two categoric assurances? The first is that the option of placing a Drax B order with Par-sons and telling GEC it will ger no

orders until it cooperates with Government plans for a national company, is still firmly open. ...

an assurance that it is intended that there should be a major con-tribution by the National Enter-prise Board in any kind of agree-ment that is likely to be reached?

(Libour cheers.)
Can he say what kind of effect this will have on the Reyrolle plan, which is also involved?

have to pursue that course.

are extremely difficult.

can only tell him that negotiations

He will know, as well as I, hav-ing read the CPRS report, that it is essential there should be some re-

ersential there whould be some re-structuring of the heavy electrical plant industry. Regonations so far-have been extremely difficult and I am bound to tell Mr Thomas that his statement over the last few days has not helped the position.

Mr Arthur Blenkinson (South Shields, Lab)—Cou Mr Verley give

Mr Kenneth Clarke, an Opposition Mr Varley-spokesman on industry (Rush- and the Di cliffe, C)—Will he give an be address assurance that in reaching a final State for given by Reyrolle management at C. A. Parsons that they will not encourage any discussions with GEC without the agreement of the decision he will bear in mind not only the views of the National Union of Mineworkers and those workers and can we have an assurance from Mr Variey he will important though they may be, but of electricity in this country who will have to foot the bill if we Mr Varley-I am not in a position to give any kind of specific assurances one way or another. I order excess power stations?

Mr Varief-I do not have ministerial responsibility for the elec-tricity supply industry. I refer him to page 84 of the CPRS report, which said the essential condition for maintaining a viable power plant industry in the long-term is a firm contractual commitment of the CEGB to a steady order pro-gramme. That is what the Secre-tary of State for Energy (Mr

Mr Bernard Conlan (Gateshead, East, Lab)--If newspaper reports of the last few days are only even half true the Government will face a backlash, industrial and political, in the North-East.

Will he end speedily considera-tion on the CPRS report, go ahead with ordering Drax and ensure that Mr Varley—The NEB have been with ordering Drax and ensure that involved in the discussions and Parsons get the turbine generator they have played a leading part.

Mr Varley—Questions of the CEGB and the Drax power station must be addressed to the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Benn). I know of Mr Coulan's concein, and that of others, on preserving jobs. This is a factor we have in mind in considering these matters.

But wild, and inaccurate statements from any source, miscouceived, mischievous and wildly inaccurate in some cases, only add to the Covernment's difficulties. Mr Mike Thomas-Then deny

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Teesside. Thornaby, Lab), during later exchanges, asked: When he meets the chairman of the NEB, will be bear in mind the strong fears among Labour MPs about the GEC monopoly in the power plant in-dustry and remember the backing there is, frequently expressed, for Wedgwood Benn) is trying to In any new structure that comes

> Mr Varley—I understand MPs ments?
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> concern about the position of the heavy power plant industry. I am minister referred to fabricate concerned to see that the industry preserved, If there were not Government involvement there is no doubt that this industry and Parsons in particular would be

when colleagues in the House make statements which are income curate and in some case in the fabrication, it makes our lives are the more difficult.

Mr Mike Thomas Deny them Mr Mike Thomas—Lay ween Later Mr Thomas, on a point of order, said Mr Varley had clearly implied in referring to him that had made inaccurate and fibricated statements. He would like to the character's protection.

ed statements. He would be to seek the Speaker's protection.

The main substance of my contention (he said) is that Mr Valle. is prepared to see the GEC make straight takeover of C. A. Parane in my constituency. The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—All he can raise with me

is his point of order. Mr Thomas-Am I not entitled when in the course of his fadure in confirm or deny that statement he accuses me of making mixleading inaccurate and fabricated state

minister referred to fabricate member in particular. I know it. Thomas addressed him earlier but there was no occasion for me to

Leyland recovery in recent weeks

A review of British Leyland's plans will be submitted by the National Enterprise Board next month. Mr. Exic Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said during questions. He added: I do not propose to make any statement about the from public funds until the Government have had an opportunity to study the NEB's recom-

mendations.

In the case of Chrysler, the extent of Government assistance was clearly defined in the agreement signed last year and no changes to these levels are

spokesman on industry (Rush-cliffe, C)—In any review of the British Leyland car plans, he should not rush into any decision which would involve long-term commitment to massive public

Leyland's long-term future depends on waiting to see what levels of production and productivity can be sustained and if there are prospects for any lasting improvement in industrial relations. Mr Varley-The Government have always made plain that they attach importance, at British Leyland, to an improvement of performance and industrial relations. There was and industrial relations. Insee was an improvement last year. He and the whole House acknowledged this when I laid before the House the further tranche of public funds for £100m.

I will not rush to hasty conclusions. There has been a recovery over the last few weeks in British to see a substantial and expanding British motor car industry. Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Hee-

Not Frank Enougy (Sections). It is a com-ley, Lab)—Investment in a com-pany of the importance of British Leyland cannot be shreed on and off like a mp in the light of a passing phase of industrial rela-tions. This greet firm must have a iong-term commitment to a high level of investment. Mr Varley—We have always ack-nowledged that British Leyland will have to have investment from public funds and this was envisaged

by the Ryder report. In the cars plan it was envisaged that for every pound of public money, British Leyland would generate £1.50 from profits. There was a lapse. There has been a recovery since sien. As soon as we get the NEB report I will seek an opportunity to make a scatement here. Japanese TV set firm will be expected

has referred, like many British firms, uses imported tubes.

Mr Alan Clark (Plymouth, Sutton,

Mr Alan Clark (Plymoush, Sutton, C)—dx is an industry where the major elements are contracted. The employment figures at Rank have dropped. Would he not agree that where there are a diminishing number of jobs available, it is preferable they should be devoted to building British goods rather than be subjected to the vagaries of supply components that affect

of supply components that affect overseas firms?

Mr Williams—It is not quite as simple as that. He has to bear in mind that any firm which could ser up in this country equally could set up and represent a competitive threat elsewhere in the EEC.

We have to ask whether we deny

we have to ask whether we deny ourselves the opportunities of a clearly viable farm, with the latest technology in the industry in order, as Mr Clark would see it, to keep other firms in existence and already in trouble. I do not see that as the option.

He did not recapt a single word of what he said. He was as con-vinced as ever that anti-Marketeers were then right. But those who campaigned for the referendum could not have it both ways. They

said that membership was an issue of such fundamental constitutions) Mr Kenneth Clarke, an Opposition

of such fundamental constitutional significance that the people must decide. They argued that the constitution belonged in the people in the referendum was decisive. It was not the verdict many wanted, but unless they were to be accused of cynical politicing it was one by which those who advocated the referendum must be bound.

Since taking up his present appointment he had repeatedly argued that within the Community Brittain must never attempt to sweep under the carpet the funda-

sweep under the carpet the funda-mental issues of principle and national interest as she saw them. There was some truth in the suggestion that the issue of direct elections was soft-peddled in the campaign, but it was not true to say that the issue did not clearly arise in that campaign. The aim of holding direct elec-tions by 1978 was mentioned in the

tions by 1978 was mentioned in the communiqué after a heads of government meeting in Paris in December. 1974, which was brought to the attention of the House. A White Paper included the Prime Minister's caveat that the Government could not take a position until the results of the negotiation had been submitted to the British people.

Parliament (he said) will and ought to have the final say since direct elections cannot take place in this country without Parlia-

in this country without Parlia-ment's agreement. The legal advice given to the Government, which they accepted, was that they were committed to the uitimate objective of direct elections, with the government that made up the ESC Council of Ministers. But the Council could not hind the parliaments of member states to negotiate the necessary provisions.

necessary provisions.

The first direct elections need not be held on a uniform system of election but this was eveninally envisaged. The first elections would be under inturin arrange-

ments.

It had been asked by some MPs why should such a step be taken if the Community had survived for it the community had survived for its manufaction. years with a system of nomination.
Why should it not continue to do

Be understood this feeling, and that suggested by others that direct elections should be deferred until Greece and others joined. But on balance it ignored the history of the Community, the progress made in the last two or three years towards direct elections, and the great importance attached to them by other member states. There was a strongly held view that the time had come to bolster the democratic

by other member states. There was a strongly held view that the time had come to bolster the democratic accountability of the Assembly.

There could be no question of extending the powers of the Assembly without the consent of the House.

The debate had underlined that there were also a number of people who believed there was a case for proportional representation for direct elections, even though they would not wish to see a change domestically. This point of view deserved careful consideration.

The role of the Assembly was different from that of Parliament. It had no independent legislative function apart from the right to dismiss the Commission: the "unusable aledgehammer". The Assembly's formal powers were greatest in the budgetary area. The Community's budgetary procedures were extremely complex. They gave the Assembly the last word over considerable areas of Community expenditure and a not inconsiderable say over the rest.

But in practice the determination of the budget was increasingly becoming a matter of negotiation between Commission. Council, and Assembly, the three institutions involved. These were areas in which it was essential to ensure the development of democratic accountability in the Community.

the development of democratic accountability in the Community.

Anti-market minister says advocates of the referendum must be bound by its verdict

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As government became more complex at all levels there was the increasing problem of its alienation from the people. It must be important object at all levels of probe those parts of the Compovernment to involve the people as closely as possible, one of the as closely as possible, one of the council and the When the debate on direct elec-tions to the European Assembly, held on 2 Government motion to adjourn the House, was resumed, Mr Frank Jued, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Portsmouth, North, Lab), said there was a certain irony of history in his position. It was no secret that he was a committed anti-Marketeer. During the argued that it was destrable for the Assembly to represent as fully as possible all the strands of political opinion in the member states.

Several speakers had suggested that the system chosen would only apply to the first election and that a step should therefore be taken now in the direction it was likely to be recessary to believe later. But anti-Marketeer. During the referendum campaign he had made many speeches advocating Britain's withdrawai from the Community.

to be necessary to follow later. But there was no certainty when the Community would reach agreement

Community would reach agreement on a European system.

We should (be went on) realistically start from the assumption that a fully European electoral procedure might take time to achieve and that whatever system we now choose might be in use for more than one set of elections, unless we outselves decide to change it.

In their deliberations MPs should be aware that all member states were likely to be in a position to hold their elections to the Assembly by May or June, 1978.

Those MPs who had doubts and misgivings should avoid the trap, now that the United Kingdom was a member, of appearing somewhat

a member, of appearing somewhat obscinately of wanting to stick to a position which would have the effect of destining the United Kingdom to second class status by putting them firmly and completely in the proverbial dog house. There was no case for parliamen-tary defeatism at Westminster or

any other parliament in the EEC. National parliaments remained supreme, and so it should be. All they were discussing was what was the right electoral machinery for making the Assembly, with its limited consultative function, as democratically accountable as pos-sible. Mr Douglas Hurd, Opposition

spokesman on Europe (Mid Oron, C) said Mr Judd had stated that he felt bound to accept the result of the referendum, yet he still held riews about the Community which referendum. This was a position he could have avoided by resigning. could have avoided by resigning.

Mr Hurd—Perhaps we can reserve that for another occasion. (Labour laughter and cheers.)

The Government were in a position where they said they would listen to the House, but they did hot give the House the opportunity to express a clear view as between the different systems. If the Government pushed abead and introduced legislation without having given the House the opportunity to

given the House the opportunity to make its opinions known, they would be leading themselves and the House into considerable diffi-

the House into considerable diffi-culty.

The Government would have avoided a great deal of difficulty if they had accepted the recommendations of the Select Committee. These were first, that the Government should proceed with speed and hold a deate as soon as possible and then improduce a short possible and then introduce a short Bill at the outset of the new ses-sion enabling the Boundary Commissions to go ahead; Commissions to go ahead; secondly, that the first round of direct elections in this country should be on the basis of first past

the post.

In this way, they could have kept separate two difficult issues—the general question of electoral reform and the principle of hold-The Government had put at risk the majority which existed in the House for the principle of direct

proposals were being made about when the Council of Ministers should take a decision on the date There would be a free vote on the system, but he would support the first past the post system because it preserved single member

Constituency.

The select committee had recommended extending the franchise to Britous working abroad in relation to direct elections but the Government had rejected this. It was being the Howel Constitution and the Howel Constitution an ment had rejected this. It was hoped the Home Secretary would look at it again and, as a compromise, surely it would be possible to extend the franchise to those working in other EEC countries?

Direct elections were not a move

probe those parts of the Com-munity United Kingdom MPs could not reach—the Council and the

Mr Sydney Irving (Dartford, Lab) seld he could not believe the Tracty of Accession or the referen-dum could be construed as allowing Britain to stand aside from a major movement envisaged by the treaty. The veto existed but the creaty could not endure long if a country continually acted contrary to the wishes of other members. Proportional representation represented the only means of keeping to the timetable.

He was concerned about the danger of alienation between Westdanger of alienation between Westminster and European MPs. A system of proxy voting would relieve
MPs of having to rush between
Westminster and Strasbourg. The
dual mandate might not be accept
table to the House, but he urged
MPs to give attention to the risk of
alienation which could prejudice
relationships with Europe at a time
when it ought to be strengthened. Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, would undertake that any legislation and any provision for direct
election should cease to have effect
against the first past the post sysif and when the powers of the
Assembly were enlarged that
would be a proposition worth considering. It was not the slightest they
use for them to say that they
should go along and strange for
direct elections and accept them on
the principle that the powers were
extremely limited and that then by
and by no doubt there would be
as a partner with her European

extremely limited and that then by and by no doubt there would be some sort of agreed evolution and then the powers might or might not subsequently be enlarged.

They had no right—because they were tampering with the essentials of the constitution—to allow any difficulties to be set aside upon the belief that the existing powers of the Assembly were limited and that it was only an Assembly having those powers to which direct elec-

the election of direct represent-atives of the British electorate to a European Assembly, an Assembly described already in the Treaty of Rome, we would be renouncing that control, supremacy and responsibility of this House to which, I believe, almost every sec-tion of this House is still dedicat-ed.

be misguided if they thought they could rely merely on the pull of loyalty to find MPs supporting them on a change of the electoral system, because that would be the Mication of changing it for the

Equally there should be a free vote of Labour MPs, including ministers, on direct elections, when they would see whether Mr Judd's conversion applied to The majority of Labour MPs were opposed to the proposal. The Government had no mendate to go shead with it.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) said the first past the post system might only have been adopted by the United States and the old did not accept the argument about the size of the constituency affect-ing the principle of bawing an MP directly responsible to his consti-tuency. After all, the Senator for Texas had 12 million constituents.

r Michael Stewart (Hammer-mith, Fulham, Lab) said that any Government which entered the Community and then set itself permanently to frustrate direct elections would be guilty of sharp

manently to free would be guilty of sharp practice.

Those who objected to direct elections did not object to having them in 1978 or in this way or that, but objected to baving them at all.

That was not an attitude which the Government, if they had an attitude of good faith to their partners in the Community, could accept in the Community, could accept.

The committeent would not be in doubt if it had not been for the appalling disacoriness of the Government in handling the maintrease of the first past the post system, k. which he preferred.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Flee Cymru) said his party believed in the emergence of a confederal energy overlap between than a federal Europe. They

saw a tendency, with direct elec-trons, nowards a federal Europe.

The party would prefer direct election by the people of Wales in the nomination of their represen-atives by the Government in Lon-don. Wales should, however, have 15 seats, not the proposed four, equal to those proposed for Ire-land with a similar population.

His party supported or proportional land with a similar population.

His party supported proportional representation, preferring the single transferable vote to the list basis. The dual mandate should be specifically precluded.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab) said that baving seen the working of both parliaments she was deadly coverned that West.

was deeply concerned that West-minster should not rush into a new system of direct elections without onsidering exactly what they were doing.

A directly elected assembly which did not have the dual mandate, not locked into its own political system, would soon be an inrealistic and divorced assembly.

realistic and dispected assembly.

Sir Authony Royle (Richmond, C) said that if the Government wisted to find out what the House felt about the question of the electroal system they could have a straight vote on the select committee report. If the House voted for it the problem was solved but if the vote went against the first past the post sys-

Mr Neville Sandelson (Hillington, Hayes and Harlington, Lab) said that if the United Kingdom was to survive, let alone prosper, it would be as a partner with her European friends and allies. British socialists had a positive role to play in the life and affairs of the Community together with their socialist friends in the Community. If they sanght in the Community, If they sought to change the Community's poli-cies and improve its constitutional belief that the existing powers of the Assembly were limited and that it was only an Assembly having those powers to which direct elections were contemplated.

If we ever took the decision (he said) directly to elect to authorise the elections which directly to elect to authorise the election of the elections of the election of the elections of the electio

system built around the recognized economic planning regions with proportional representation. Br Rhodes Boyson (Brent, North, C) said the Common Market was not popular at presum because of food prices, fisheries and other reasons, May be that would static, but if in addition people saw that they had to change their electoral system they would blame the Common Market for it and it mould do harm to the cause of Europe.

Europe.
Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test, Lab) said the referendam confirmed British membership of the EEC, no more ne less. For that reason that reason they were still members, but it did not meso they were

but it did not mean they were members for ever or in every droumstances, or that they must use pend critical judgment, or case to press for changes which would help Britain, or resist harmind developments.

Any apparent gain in democraft coursel, would be offset by the exclusion of the Commons from the process of legislating for Britain in many important areas. The substitution of Strasbourg for sestimuster would be an inequal exchange.

exchange. Mr William Ross (Kilmarnott. Mr William Ross (Kilmarnott.
Lab) said that it was wrong to be
dictated to by time in respect of
something which was of vital importance to Britain. It was nonsense to try to work to a timetable
of next May. They should not be
railroded into something by the
European movement people which
later would be regretted.

Mr Russel Johnston (Inverness, L) said it was more democratic to elect than appoint the advisory assembly. As a Liberal he regarded the movement to have direct elections to the European Parliament appoint and a meet ten forward.

Success of Concorde Washington route

The British Airways route to Washington had shown a 93 per cent load factor for Concorde which made it the most successful single airline operation in civil aviation history, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for In-dustry, said during questions.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) had asked if the Secretary of Smie for Industry, Mr Eric Yarley, would seek a meeting with his United States counterpart to discuss possible collaboration over the development of supersonic civil aircraft. Mr Kauthan (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab)—When: I met the Franch Secretary of State for Transport on November 2 last we decided not to proceed with the

passengers show through high load passengers show through high load factors on the Washington run that the customer will pay higher fares for speed and the Americans seem to have reopened investigation into their own supersonic programme, it would make sense to have collaboration between Britain, France and the United States, not only to save money in all three countries, rather than going it alone, but ensuring the continued future for the Civil aerospace industry in Europe.

manufacturers' proposals to deve-Mr Kaufman—He is right to praise the commercial achievement of an advanced supersonic Concorde on the Washington

transport for the 1990s, I indicated that the British Government considered that it should consolidate the knowledge and experience gained on Concorde but that our priorities in the subsonic field.

Mr Adley—Now that the puying that the priorities in the subsonic field.

Toute. The British Airways route the is implying that a stretched that the most successful single airline operation in civil when a development for superscence field.

The British Airways route the is implying that a stretched that the best only to develop supersonic travel. When a development for superscence we have gained on the experience we have gained on Concorde. Any such project would be a manual property of perting early work.

prospects of getting early work into our aircraft factories are by developing the possibilities of subsonic projects. That is what we must immediately turn our atten-

Concorde we must move to a Mark

2 at some stage. It must make sense to do this on as wide a

cooperative basis as possible. Europe is not enough; we must

work with the Americans to make economic and commercial sense. Mr Kantman—I would not agree if

When a development for super-sonic travel comes it will have to be a new sircraft but based on the experience we have gained on Contorde. Any such project would need wide international convers-

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C)—If
we are to optimize the large
national investment spent on
Today at 2.30: Debate on mobilize to House of Commons
Truly at 2.30: Debate on mobility for
the disabled. Matter on Local Leans
(Increase of Link) Order. Greater
Lindon Commit (Grissral Pawers) Bill,
second reading.

House of Lords
Today at 2.30; Consideration of Commore amendments to Marriage (Scotland) BRI. New Towns (Scotland) Bill,
committee stage. Road Traffic (Scat
Belts) Bill, second Facility

paign, the people of Britain decided that they wanted Britain to play her full part in the European Economic Community. There was no use in being part of the Community and then simply being half-hearted about it and not both-ering to be there.

If Britain's partners in Europe met the dite of May or June, 1978, and the House denied the Prime Minister and the Government the opportunity to do so on behalf of the United Kingdom they would have taken upon themselves a grave responsibility. We shall have given our friends in Europe (be said) grounds for despair and our enemies a chance to proclaim once more the dangers of working with perfidious Albim.

The good faith and reliability of

manage not not lew if any sup-porters. It must have been inserted in the White Peoer to please some-one who was against direct elec-tions or who wanted to make a farce of the whole affair. He could not believe it would work. not believe it would work.

The first past the post system was the simplest way of having direct elections now and of leaving it open to fit in with any future European system that might be discussed. A decision to go for first past the post now would awold confusion and hostility among the electors caused by repeated changes in the electoral arrangements.

ments.
Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary (Leeds, South, Lab), said direct elections raised many problems that would not just disappear.
They were making a break with a tradition they had had for centuries, that the most important

Dual mandate would impose great strain Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy
Leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C); said that whatever might be the arguments about the unadate had had few if any sup-The method of election in the United Ringdom had stood the test of time and was well understood by the electorate and by the parties. It was something he would not want to see change he would not want to see changed for the Commons. A commitment had been given to free vote on method and he stuck

to that. In the case of the single transferable vote he assumed that in the context of a European elecin the context of a European election the context of a European election the emphasis on speed of
counting the votes need not be
great. There were problems with regard
to the compulsory dual mandate.
There were problems of physical
strain. It was a matter for the
electors whether they would vote
for someone who was already a
member of the Commons.
He did not like the suggestion
that members of the European
Assembly should attend the
Commons. The only people who

could properly attend the Commons were those who were not only prepared to speak but those who were prepared to vote. This was a controversial matter and it did not appeal to him.

did not appeal to him.

There were a number of other matters; the question of disqualification, the conduct of elections, deposits, the question of nomination, returning officers; by-dections, broadcasting and other matters. The select committee recommended that certain United Einsdom nationals resident abroad should be able to vote in direct elections. This would have wide repercussions. repercussio

Before the Government por forward firm proposals they would consult their party. They would take account of what the Liberals. and the Opposition said, but at the end of the day it would be for the House to decide. . The motion for adjournment was

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t industry AUEW will be asked to endorse stoppage by engineers at Heathrow

Leaders of the Amalgamated pion of Engineering Workers to today to consider a recom-tendation that the strike by maintenance men, and it is fourth week, should be made official.

Speaker the made official.

The made official be made official.

Mr Reginald Birch, the made of the second of the At a meeting in a Southall gema yesterday the strikers

to continue their Talks with other oppage. Talks with other spins on a common claim for improvements are infining today, but there is such inter-union antagonism ver the dispute.

In talks last Friday the agineering workers' five

men at the airport. They insist that their men will not go back until a common approach is

British Airways said last night that long-haul flights were opeirating normally: 70 pe reent of short-haul services to Europe were being main-tained; and some links with Belfast and Edinburgh were in

Mr Jock Gatsky, one of the stewards leading the engineers' strike, said that the airline's claim that more than two-thirds of normal flights were operating was "pure propaganda". He added: "Just ask a cab driver at Heathrow what business is like. He will tell you it's A bulletin published by the strike

A bulletin published by the strike leaders vesterday insisted: "Sray out until we win—that is the recommendation from the shop stewards' committee. If we go back now we will have gained nothing at all. The magnificent solidarity shown by all AUEW members over the past three igneering workers' five who have been strike, maintained at the other unions refused talk about a joint shift-pay ormula for 11,500 maintenance workers' five we will have gone for nothing."

> arranging a meeting with the union, possibly next week. Britain spends the most time and money in

or which some were not suit

The management said it is

Full-pay car

day that it was paying about

L60 a week each to 90 workers

who spend the day in the can-

teen at the car body factory at

some reports they play cards

The situation arose out of an agreement that ended a strike 10 weeks ago. Paint-shop wurkers had been told they

would have to move to other jobs. But it was agreed that cases of men unwilling or un-

able to move jobs would be referred to the Transport and General Workers' Union at

national level.
So far 250 men have accepted

canteen

and dominoes.



first light railway order directly from the Government to a private line, the Alresford and Ropley section of the Winchester and Alton Railway renpens to the public on Saturday. In May, 1975, the hoard decided

Watercress line: With the granting of the

enough capital to enable the company to over the Mid-hants watercress line, which British Rail had ceased to use, and thereby save it from destruction after 116 years of use.

to launch a public share issue to raise

Yesterday the company ran a steam train

between Airesford and Ropley for the press. It is seen above, hauled by an class locomotive Aznar, being watched Mr Edward Colebrook, a landowner. Alresford has been the main source of watercress in southern England for about

2p a lb rise likely in margarine prices

By Hugh Clayton Margarine prices will rise by about a tenth next month when the Price Commission has processed claims from manufacturers. The last rise was a formight ago.

The price is being pushed up by rising oil and fat costs just as the EEC has begun a deter-mined effort to curb increases

mined effort to curb increases on butter.

Mr Victor Hill, managing director of Kraft Foods, said yesterday that his company had told the commission in the past fortnight that it needed an increase. He would not say how much had been claimed that rise is expected to but the rise is expected to equal the 2p a pound which shoppers faced earlier this mouth.

Van den Berghs and Jurgens, the Unilever company that supplies more than half the margarine eaten in Britain, has also asked for a rise of about 2p a pound. The company, which makes Stork, Echo, Blue Band, and Flora margarine, ruised prices by 2p a pound a fortnight ago. It pointed out yesterday that oil prices have risen sharply. Van Berghs

Rules proposed for lorries with dangerous cargoes

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dangerous cargoes; a substance identification code, informing rescue services exactly what dangerous substances will be forced dangerous material they have dangerous material they have to deal with; an emergency action code, suggesting appropriate initial action by police and fire services; and a telephone number from which

description of the property of

Tories suggest school managers

By Diana Geddes Training courses for the Training courses of thousands of thousands of thousands of the Managers on the Managers about the Managers about the Managers and Training the Training Courses Tonn States of the Managers of Tonn States of the Managers of Tonn States of the Managers of the

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The School Managers' and the School Covernors' Handbook, by Wilson Longden (Conservative Central Office, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1, 65p).

Unit says wages councils may collapse

action code, suggesting appro-priate initial action by police and fire services; and a tele-phone number from which further specialist help can be

obtained to cope with an

unions, police and fire services are being sought before the regulations are introduced in

Comments from industry,

emergency.

Three million of Britain's

says todas. ics lecturer at Birmingham University and chairman of

poorest workers may lose the protection of legal minimum rates of pay because the wages council system, which sets the rates, may be in danger of collapse under the strains of income policy, the Low Pay Unit Mr Glyn Picton, an econom-

four wages councils, argues n the unit's Bulletin that if the next phase of income policy provides for more flexibility while uflation continues, the traditional proceduces of wages council smay be inadequate for

answering complaints made to Strasbourg

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the British Government in answering complaints made against it to the European Com-mission of Human Rights Is greater than that of any of the 12 other countries that have ratified the convention allowing individual cases to be brought

For the pust three years
Britain has topped the tables
prepared by the commissioners
for the number of individual applications made against each country. Last year there were 153 against Britain, 142 against West Germany and only 30 against Switzerland, the country with the third highest total. In addition to combating individual complaints, Britain has also had to must the costs. has also had to meet the costs of the protracted torture case instituted by the Irish Government. After the recent hearings before the European Court of Human Rights those costs are

believed to exceed £500,000. There are many reasons for the many complaints made against Britain, including the continuing crisis in Ulster, which has left 250 individual claims of various breaches resulting from internment adjourned, pending the court's verdict on the inter-state

on behalf of holders of British a ruling by the Committee of

Two hundred cases brought

Minister of the Council of Europe. All allege a breach of article 14 relating to political

discrimination.

A senior Strasbourg official told me: "One explanation for the large number of applicadomestic remedies are ex-hausted by the British legal sy-tem. Also there are a number

of pressure groups in England with knowledge and experience of the complex human rights machinery."

The outstanding cases against Britain cover a wide area of diented against prices of present disputed aspects of national life. They range from protests that corporal punishment in schools is a breach of article 3 relating to inhuman treatment. to a contortion by British Rail his colour.
employees that the closed shop contravenes article 11, relating Clifford h

to freedom of association. Because of the painfully slow procedure of the commission the cases against Britain are at many different stages. Some are being investigated to see whether the complaint is admissible under the strict rules of the European Convention while

the European Convention, while others are nearing completion.

The most advanced is that of Anthony Tyrer, who complained that a birching he received on the Isle of Man in 1972. 1972 was contrary to article 3. The commission, in its report, found Britain guilty of a breach and the matter has now been referred to the court for judg-

schoolchildren in Scotland and London who cite the use of corporal punishment, and Mr Arthur Hilton, a black prisoner, who maintains that assaults by prison staff at Leeds and Liver-

and degrading treatment. Mr Hilton's complaint against the Government has already been declared admissible after hearings in Paris and Leeds, and the commission will con-tinue with further oral proceed-

ings in Strasbourg next month. Mr Hilton, who was serving seven-year sentence for malicious wounding, also alleges breaches of articles 6 and 8, and contends that his situation was aggravated by

Three other people, Mr Clifford Noe, Mr Desmond Carne and Miss Judith Colne, have made applications over the censorship of mail in prisons.

They allege that it is a breach of article 8 relating to the right to private and family life.

A further application claiming breach of this article has ing breach of this article has been brought against Britain by the Association of Parents of Vaccine-Damaged Children. A decision on its admissibility will be made later this year. The case arises partly out of the use of whooping cough vaccine and alleges a breach of article 2 covering the right to life.

to life.

four Broadmoor patients, referred to in Strasbourg anonymously as "A, B, C and D". All four allege that their confinement breaches article 5 (1), which relates to the detention of persons of unsound mind. The question of the admissibility and of the merits of the case against the British Government will be heard when pool juils amounted to inhuman

the commission delegates hold their next plenary session in At the same session the delegates will also discuss the commission's report on the case brought against Britain by Times Newspapers. That resulted from an alleged breach of article 10 of the convention

concerning freedom of expression after an injunction had been imposed on The Sunday Times in 1972 to prevent the publication of an article about thalidomide.

Another case, already declared admissible, was brought by Mr Lazlo Kiss alleging a breach of article 6 (1) after the Home Secretary had refused to institute criminal proceedings over an incident in which a prison officer assulted

Two more applications relating to life in Northern Ireland have been filed against the Government. Both relate to alleged regional discrimination because of the upreformed laws against homosexuality, which nent. bility stage with potentially still carries a maximum penalty are use Other complainants alleging significant repercussions of life imprisonment in Ulster. troubles.

Champion arises for disadvantaged youth By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter

Youthaid, which has been given £26,000 a year for the first two years, yesterday announced its arrival on a scene dominated by the staterun Manpower Commission (MSC).

Mr Christopher Brooks, aged 26, resigned early this year as a manpower economist for the National Economic Develop-ment Council to become direc-tor of Youthaid. His main com-plaint against the commission is that the state-financed body is concentrating unduly on those who least need help, the educated, the motovated and the articulate.

Youthaid is setting out to champion the most disadvantaged, concentrating on school-leavers who do not have a GCE or CSE, with apparently nothing to sell to an employer. It will try to help girls more than it believes the commission

A prime concern is that the Government's industrial stra-tegy is aimed at boosting manufacturing industry, with capital intensive rather than labour-intensive priorities. Youthald views without enthus-

issm such activities of the commisson, like the job-creation programme, which provides projects lasting usually between six and nine months. It believes short-term schemes useless for

trying to answer questions, to design plans and proposals to put to the Government and public agencies. We want them to understand that the strategy on economic growth may create unemployment, not reduce it."

He argues that the attempt to stimulate capital-intensive investment will involve a changed range of skills, thus putting to even further disadvantage those at the lower end of the young unemployed

market. The EEC is giving £12,500 to research the troubles encountered by five groups of young people from school to work, categorized thus: two inner city labour markets, a rural labour market, a large manufacturing town, and a high employment area like the west of London. The northern-base I Look Wide Trust is providing £52,000 over the first two

Youthaid's governing body includes Mr Gerald Fowler, Labour MP for The Wrekin (chairman); Mr Nicholas Scott, Conservative MP for Kensington and Chelsea; Mr John Fonlerton, chairman of the North British Housing Group; Professor Maurice Peston, pro-fessor of economics at Que 1 n schemes Mary College, London ; and Mr long-term Peter Mandelson, vice-chairman of the British Youth Council.

Libel action settled

Dr Philip Bloom, a retired expert on sexual difficulties, over a book that be contended accused him of involvement in an abortion racket, was settled on agreed terms yesterday.

In a statement read to the court, Mr Michael Litchfield and Miss Susan Kentish, authors of Babies for Burning, said they wished to make it clear that Dr Bloom, aged 74, was "not knowingly any part of any racket by which women on false pregnancy diagnoses".

Mr Antony Hoolahan, QC, for Dr Bloom, told Mr Justice Burling that Mr Litchfield and Miss Kent accepted that any such allegation would be wholly untrue. Dr Bloom was content to let the matter rest.

Bench warning as eight football hooligans are sentenced

Eight football supporters were given custodial sentences by Mr Peter Badge the West London magistrate, yesterday.

None of the eight had a previous conviction but Mr Badge said: "The country is rightly fed up and disgusted with the way in which young men like you behave w hen you get near a football match. Such is the strength of feeling in the sentences of the country that the court has to pass a deterrent sentence."

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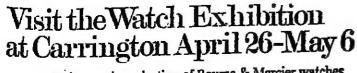
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Bomb suspect faces three

further charges

Ciaran McMorrow, a bomb suspect, faced three additional charges, including membership of the Provisional IRA, when he appeared again in the Special Criminal Court in Dub-

was arrested after a gun battle near the Irish border last month, had his trial on a total of five counts set for May 5. The new accusations put to him yesterday were shooting at an Irish Army soldier with in-tent to commit murder; having firearms with intent to prevent his arrest; and membership of the IRA.

He had aiready been charged

He had already been charged at earlier hearings with having firearms with intent to endanger life, and having detonators and fuse wire. Mr McMorrow, who was remanded in custody, spoke only in Irish

Mr McMorrow was named in 1974 by Scotland Yard as a prime suspect for un to sixty. prime suspect for up to sixty terrorist bombings in Britain. So far there have been no moves to extradite him

for man in drug smuggling plot

Nine years' jail

From Our Correspondent
Gloucester
Ronald Rees, aged 3 3, an importer, was jailed at Gloucester
Crown Court yesterday for nine years for running the
"English end" of a cannabis smuggling plot.
Mr Rees, of Brynmill, Swansea, was convicted of illegally importing more than 4 cwr of

importing more than 4cwt of cannabis valued at £250,000, into Britain. The drug was said to have been found in a secret compariment in the base of a container full of melons from Turkey.

Mr Rees, whose company had hired the container, said he knew nothing about the

cannabis and thought the secret compartment contained
gold from Lebanon.

A London company director
and a Turkish hotel keeper,
were cleared by the jury of
being involved in the offence.
A Turkish fruit exporter,
about whom the jury cardly are about whom the jury could not agree, was also released after the prosecution had said it would not ask for a new trial.

Bill 'would make it harder to get lawful abortions'

By Our Health Services Correspondent

The private member's Bill to amend the Abortion Act, now before Parliament, would wreck the work of the abortion charities, the British Pregnancy Advisory Service says in a detailed criticism published

If the proposals become law, the charity, which is the largest provider of abortions outside the National Health Service, will have to be struck from the

assessment by 1,200 doctors, was based on the recommendations of a truncated select committee on abortion whose members were widely known to be in favour of restrictive abortion policies. It did nothing to overcome the most imporant matter: the regional variation in the availability of

abortion on the NHS.

Abortion on demand appeared to be the bogyman of Mr Benyon and his supporters. The British Pregnancy Advisory approved list. The overall Service believed that by pro-effect of Mr William Benyon's viding market competition for Bill would be to make it more those who, after the Act, set difficult for sympathetic doc-tors to help women to obtain cially, had been the biggest lawful abortions and make it influence in ridding the private abortion sector of profiteering and abuse.



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The supply barge serving as the base for work to stop the oil leak from the Bravo rig.

Oil blow-out could be stopped tomorrow if roughening seas allow

Energy Correspondent

Mr Bill Thompson, director of drilling and production for Phillips Europe-Africa, said yesterday he hopes to have the blow-out well on the Bravo production platform "killed" by tomorrow evening. But he gave a warning that the sea in the Ekofisk area was geting rougher and the success of the opera-tion would be determined by

He also disclosed that the he also disclosed that the crew, working on the well when the blow-out occurred, had been unable to screw a 41-inch steel rube, containing a safety valve, into the wellhead.

It normally took about two minutes to screw the tube into the wellhead and shut off the oil flow. It seemed likely that there had been an obstruction, which had prevented the screwing operation; but he declined to speculate on what it might have been or how ir came to be

Mr Thompson said the tube was always kept on hand during work-over operations, but it was not normally needed once the well had been stabilized by pumping tons of mud into the hole.

The crew had removed the "Christmes tree" and were installing temporary blow-out preventers before attempting to recover a cylindrical logging tool

The oil slick which has.

spread into the North Sea from the blow-out on the Ekofisk

field is being closely monitored as it spreads north. Last night the forecast for the area was

that winds were likely to

change to the south-west, which would push the slick towards the Norwegian coast.

coast the squads of local

authority workers ready to deal with any pollution were still

standing by. In the Tayside,

regions, coastal authorities were

prepared to move at short notice with spraying equipment and dispersants should the wind

change to the east and blow the

Today, Mr Kevin Standring.

conservation planning officer

for Scotland with the Royal

Accident could

insurance rates

By Our Business News Staff
Damage to the oil platform
Bravo, although not in itself
heavy, could have the indirect
effect of increasing insurance
rates for North Sea oil installa-

tions. More than three quarters of the insurance cover for North Sea platforms and fipelines is carried through the oil companies own in-

surance pools at the moment.
But Lloyd's feels that the
Erayo accident may bring more

duplicate insurance on to the

that damage to the Bravo plat-form is slight, and that apart from the costs of the well cap-

ping operation and possible pollution claims the accident will have little direct impact

on the insurance market. The

bulk of the cover for the three-year-old platform, worth about £29m, is dealt with by

Oil Insurance Ltd, a joint insurance pool based in Bermuda. The Lloyd's market

and other commercial insurers

provide only about 15 per cent of cover for the platform.

Preliminary reports suggest

commercial market.

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slick on shore.

affect

Even so, along the Scottish

Winds forecast to push

slick towards Norway

Highland

Society for the Protection of that there were ample stocks of

Birds, is sailing to the Ekofisk non-toxic chemical available.

had now largely passed, Mr Thompson said. The team who would try to cap the well would be using special brass tools that would not produce sparks and they would also bring in air tools.

Their first job would be to clean up the area round the open wellhead. Bolts on the first of the temporary blow-out preventers would then be tight-

ted valve unit would then be bolted on top of the wellhead, to enable the crew to pump mud into the well and bring the oil flow under control.

Working conditions on the rig were difficult, he said. All supplies including power and mud had to be brought in from the pipelaying barge Chocraw, that was now alongside the platform. This would mean laying special pipes across the platform.
In the event of the crew not

being able to stop the oil flow by mechanical means at the wellhead, Phillips would bring a semi-submersible rig to drill a relief well.

Mr Thompson said that Well B14, which is out of control, had been drilled directionally had penetrated the reser voir 2,300 feet south-west of the

The drilling rig, now being brought in, would drill vertically into the reservoir at this that had been lost down the point and divert the oil flow well six months earlier.

The danger of fire on the rig ation could take 30 to 45 days.

are no large numbers in the

immediate area, if the slick reached the Danish or Nor-wegian coasts, many sea duck

and wading birds would be at

Further north on the west

breasted mergansers.

along the Grampian coast.

Yesterday a supply ship

sailed from Leith to Norway with 24,000 gallons of dispersant

for Phillips, the Ekofisk field

operators. It was supplied by British Petroleum, which said

Spillage comes at

Like the Torrey Canyon which happened in March, 1967, the present spillage has come

at the worst time of the year.
Oil pollution presents its
greatest threat to marine life
in early spring:

The North Sea is a rich fishery ground because of a

flourishing food chain which

starts with an abundance of

microscopic plants (phyto-plankton) on which tiny organ-

sms feed to be eaten them-

In spring as daylight in-creases, the phyto-plankton near the surface bloom by absorbing sucshine and notrients from the

sea. Concentrations of oil and detergents kill the microscopic

marine life, thus disrupting the

There are also vital white fish and herring spawning grounds

off the north-east coast of

Britain and off the Scandinavian

and Dutch coasts that if con-

taminated would reduce enor-

mously the population of North Sea fishing grounds.

selves by larger fish.

food chain.

worst time

for marine life

By Our Science Editor

day. A new convention, provid-ing much higher compensation, was agreed in December, but it has not yet been ratified by Britain, and cannot come into ened and new rams inserted to operation before next month at cut off the oil flow. A 1,500lb specially constructhe earliest. Liability for damage from the Ekofisk oil comes under the existing Offshore Pollution Liability Agreement (Open)

bility Agreement (Opol).
Under its terms, if any of the Ekofisk oil reaches the shores of Britain, claims for compensation can be made directly to

\$25m limit

on claims

damage

By Martin Huckerby

for pollution

Under an international agree-

ment, liability for pollution damage caused by the Ekofisk oil spill is limited to only \$25m.

(£14.6m) the Department of Energy said in London yester-

Phillips Petroleum. In theory anyone can claim, but local authorities would normally be responsible for seeking the com-

The department said that claimants were required to sign an agreement that, in the event of their acceptance of any money from an Opol member, they would not attempt to recover any outstanding amount from the operator via court

action.

Thus if claims exceed the \$25m limit in the agreement, claimants dissatisfied with the amounts offered would presumably have to seek redress through the courts.

Scots group lists oil mishaps

area with other scientists to cal-culare the impact of the spill on sea birds. Although there Aberdour, Fife

The blow-out on the Ekofisk platform has been added to a list of disasters drawn up by householders in Aberdour and Daigety Bay to establish that the petrochemical industry does not have all the answers to making its process plants absolutely

coast of Norway, there are large nesting areas with guillemots. The two towns on the north shore of the Forth estuary are opposing plans by Shell and with eider duck and red-Esso to build a terminal for liquid petroleum gas tankers on a nearby headland. The terminal would be linked by pipeline to Members of the society and other nature conservancy groups a gas separation plant near Cow-denbeath, about seven miles are watching developments closely; in Scotland important bird colonies are sited around the Forth and Tay estuaries and

away. The residents' action group is demanding a planning inquiry commission into the proposal instead of the normal public inquiry, because of the complex technical aspects involved. In its report, the group cites 13 serious accidents at petro-chemical plants throughous the world which have caused damage estimated at £140m. Mr David Jamieson, a spokesman, said: "If incidents like the Ekofisk blow-out can happen at

still take control.
"Even worse was the explosion three weeks ago at Umm Said, in Qatar, which has had Sald, in Qatar, which has had very little publicity. A natural gas liquefaction plant built two years ago blew up and was destroyed, causing £40m damage, killing seven people and injuring more, some of them more than a mile away. This was the same kind of plant as that proposed in Fife."

The report published by a

all, it shows that nature can

The report, published by a technical sub-group, catalogues 12 other accidents, including Flixborough in 1974, and correlates the confidence of the confidenc lates the explosive energy potential at the proposed ter-minal at some 10,000 to 15,000 tons of TNT, or about three quarters the explosive power of the Hiroshima atom bomb. The report states that recent

evidence demolished the as-sumption that detonations following leal:s of liquefied petroleum gas were virtually impossible. Disasters at Lake Charles, in Louisiana, and Flix-borough had involved comparatively small leakages yet were accompanied by extremely violent explosions, affecting several square miles, followed in some cases by extensive fire

WEST EUROPE.

Paris, April 25 The French

French Government today welcomed Mr Pham Van Dong, the Prime Minister of hard labour in the notorious Vietnam with the ceremonial Poulo Condore island penitenticourtesies normally reserved for a head of state. He is staying at the Hotel de in the case of other Vietna-

no less than three private recognition of the historic role meetings with President Gis of France in the Indo-Chinese card d'Estaing and with M peninsula.

Raymond Barre, the Prime Both France and Vietnam are Minister, the first of which now anxious to make a clean

conference, where he led the Vietnamese delegation and impressed French negotiators with his toughness and intran-

His revolutionary activity, the unsettled problems of the

The British Government is now prepared to accept the package of higher EEC farm prices it rejected as too infla-

tionary a month ago, provided it secures a slightly bigger butter subsidy for consumers.

When negotiations on the

farm price review broke down

at the end of March, Britain's partners were willing to offer

a butter subsidy of some 7.5p a

lb. The British now hope that

this can be increased to about 10p a lb, which should keep shop prices stable until the end of the year.

As a new session of delibera-

tions opened in Luxembourg this afternoon, Mr Gavin Strang,

leader of the British delegation, said he believed an agreemen

satisfactory to Britain could be reached this week. The only

obstacle was the size of the

Other EEC delegations are

Copenhagen, April 25

The police broke through picket lines early today to allow wans to take the national daily

Berlingske Tidende from the presses for distribution. It was the first time for almost three

months that the 228-year-old newspaper had been published.

the entrances to a newspaper distribution company. Seamen

they would not allow copies to be taken on board their vessels

because the newspaper had been

The dispute at Berlingske Tidende, which forced it to stop publication on January 30, led

to a general sympathy strike by printing workers at most Danish newspapers on April 1. A compromise reached over the

accepted by unions later today and allow all newspapers, except Berlingske Tidende to appear normally tomorrow.

anniversary of the military coup which overthrew the Caetano regime. President Eanes and Dr Mario Soares, the

Socialist Prime Minister, took

the salute at a march past of

3,000 troops and the Army's latest weapons and mechanized vehicles. The Air Force also staged a fly-past during the

parade was smaller and less

noisy than the multitude that milled round the troops in the

Avenida da Liberdade here on Liberation Day. April 25, how-ever, is essentially a festival of

civilians, with organized sports picnics and entertainments all

over the country with a special attention paid to children.

The celebrations began yes-terday with firework displays

from Lisbon's seven hills, folk doucing in the squares, and the

opening of a photographic exhi-

bision of the revolution in a

The Socialist Party called today "the festival of socialist

fraternity", but there were few party signs or badges visible

city fair.

The crowd watching

From Jose Shercliff

Lisbon, April 25 To celebrate

is expected to

the third

Later other pickets blocked

lines at press plant

Danish police break picket

Luxembourg, April 25

Britain gives way on

EEC farm prices

ties, when he joined Ho Chi Minh in Canton, led to his being sentenced to six y ears at arv. But his hostility to colonialism was always combined, as Marigny, the Government mese nationalists, with a last-guest house, across the street ing attachment to French cul-from the Elysée, and will have ture and civilization and a

took place today.

His four-day official visit is sweep of past conflict, errors the first to any Western Giscard d'Estaing described Mr country since the end of the Pham Van Dong's visit as the Vietnam-war. It is more than rediscovery of a century-old 30 years since Mr Pham Van Pham Van Pham Van Dong's visit as the Vietnamese Dong last came to France for Prime Minister clearly values the abortive Fontainebleau this as the base for a diplomatic offensive towards West Europe and the United States.

His talks in France, he emphasized, would make it possible to put a full stop to all

highly irritated by the British Government's tactics, which resulted in a postponement of the April 1 deadling. They fail

to see why the British are quibbling over a few pence on butter, which will have only a minimal impact in holding down

Other aspects of the price review which the British are

prepared to accept are a general rise of 3.5 per cent in

guaranteed minimum farm prices throughout the Com-munity and a 3 per cent devaluation of the green

pound", the unit in which British farm prices are cal-

The most unsatisfactory aspect from the British point of view is an immediate increase of 3.5 per cent in the milk price, which will undoubtedly lead to new butter and skinmed milk programme.

and skimmed milk mountains.

Britain has sought a complete price freeze to avoid surpluses.

Some of the newspapers,

Some of the newspapers, however, had already made arrangements to publish without the help of union employees and had dismissed printing staff. They said they were prepared to re-engage

were prepared to re-engage some but not all of their former

staff. The printing unions have insisted that all the dismissed

would continue to publish with

out union printers although

tomorrow and predicted wide

spread sympathy strikes in Danish industry. The Danish TUC has stated that it does not

members to work normally.

Portugal looks back on the coup

aniong the crowd at the parade and there were few red carna-tions, the symbol of Portugal's

General Eanes and Dr Mario

Soares at the march-past.

Army to clear

in Paris strike

From Our Own Correspondent

The first real test of M

Chirac's authority as Mayor of Paris has come in the form of

a dustmen's strike. M Chirac

told the Paris Council this morning that he had called on

M Chirac had begun discus-

sions on the demand by the

4.500 dustmen for better pay and work conditions when the men went on strike unexpect-

Negotiations started last week between M Chirac and M

Jean Tiberi, the deputy mayor in charge of personnel, with

union leaders have so far been

the Army to clear rubbish.

rubbish

Paris, April 25

bloodless revolution in 1974.

employees be reinstated. Mr Henning Fousmark, editor Berlingske Tidende, said

British food prices.

namese origin still living in Vietnam, and awaiting permis-sion to leave; compensation for French firms operating in the country until the end of the war; and the status of French consular represen-

But far more important in the eyes of the Vietnamese is to start political cooperation to consolidate the independence of France and Vietnam from the blocks of the superpowers: and to increase French financial and economic assistance for the reconstruction of Viet-

They have plans for French participation in the development of offshore oil resources for building a motor vehicle plant, managed by Renault; and installing steel and cement plants. French aid to Vietnam in the past three years has totalled 1,600m Francs (now about £190m) or 33 per cent of total Western aid.

Mitterrand letter angers left

From Our Own Correspondent

M. François Mitterrand, leader of the French Socialist Party, is determined to put his own political house in order before he meets leaders of the Communist Party next month to bring the common pro-gramme of the left up to date.

The younger men are impa-tient of the old hierarchies and accuse M Mitterrand of being surrounded by a small group of intimates, divorced from the

over the existence in the party of "organized factions", with their own premises, funds, He feared the party would exhaust itself in internal struggles, lose its cohesion and, as a result, its political and moral

consideration would have to be given to the serious threats made to some members of the staff. "We have to consider their safety", he said.

The Danish printing unions have arranged a rally in support of the Berlingske strikers monorrow and predicted wide. authority.

He asked for agreement on the strict application of the party statutes allowing free dom of expression, but forbid ding "organized tendencies". M Chevenement reacted strongly, describing the letter

as "an error". It was not in the interest of the party, he said, to substitute "a debate support the plan or sympathy strikes and has advised union on discipline for the indispens able political debate".

Paris, April 25

On the left of the party there is strong pressure from younger men gravitating around the Centre d'Etudes de Recherches et d'Education Socialistes (Ceres) and its leader M Jean-Pierre Chevenement, deputy for Belfort.

M Mitterand cannot ignore them or suppress them. They account for about a quarter of the party's militants, but he sees them as a potential threat to its unity. He resents them as a party within the party.

The younger men are impa-

of party

On the left of the party there

or intimates, divorced from the preoccupations of the ordinary militants and identifying "unity" with "monarchy.". They believe it is vital to avoid anything that might undermine the essential link with the Communist Party on the ground that the Communists are the party of the working class.

In a strongly worded letter to militants last week, M Minter-rand expressed his concern

Addressing the troops, President Eanes, who is also Ghief-of-Staff of the Armed Forces,

greeted them as the guardians

Earlier the ruling Council of the Revolution met in honour

of the anniversary. It issued a statement that said democracy was now "in full operation" in Portugal; the people had their destiny in their own hands.

One voice was silent, how-ever. Major Otelo Saraiva de

Carvatho, one of the chief strategists of the April 25

revolution, and later, as a general, commander of its security force Copcon, was

forbidden to make any public

He is suspended from duty pending inquiry into the probity

of his conduct since the revolu-tion. He stood against President

Eanes in the presidential elec-

tions last year and came in

A cartoon in the evening newspaper Diario de Lisboa

shows a photograph of the

handsome major with his mouth

gagged and bound. His followers

announced that a "mourning session" would be held in his honour in Lisbon.

general elections

Senor Suarez, the Spanish

Prime Minister, has confirmed

his candidacy for the Congress of Deputies in the forthcoming

general elections, according to

newspaper reports here today.

for announcing decisions at sur-

prising times was reported to have rold a journalist on board

a flight yesterday from Madrid

to Mexico for an official visit

that he was not "incorrect" in believing that he would stand. He will probably stand as an

independent and thus nor be

seen to be supporting directly

any of the political parties.

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Seaor Suarez, who is noted

From Our Correspondent

Senor Suarez

to stand in

Madrid, April 25

statement.

second.

of peace and democracy.

totally biased dispatches" used Tanzania counts

Dar es Saleam, April 25.-President Nyerere of Tanzania said today the disintegration of the East African Community grouping his country, Kenya

operate, and there is no cer-tainty about the continuation of services to Tanzania by the other one", he stated. Namanga, Kenya, April 25.— Mrs Anne-Marie Gronberg, a Finnish television journalist, and her Kenyan cameraman were seized by Tanzanian offi-cials at this checkpoint

tice, three of them no longer operate, and there is no cer-

Hijack attempt by armed.

Polish soldier Nuremberg, April 25.—An armed Polish soldier ried to hijack a sourist charter aircraft at Crackow airport hot was overpowered by paratroops disguised as mechanics.

The eyewitness seid here that the soldier took a Polish civilian hostane at gun point in the airport terminal and, when the civilian refused to follow instructions, the soldier opened

fire with his machinegun, hitting him in the leg. The soldier then stormed a Tupolev Tu134 sincraft of the Polish state airline waiting on

the runway, held two-stewardesses bostage, and demanded to be flown to Africa. After nearly three hours, he was seized by the paratroops.—Reuter. 20 islanders missing

Sydney, April 25.—At least 20 people are still missing in the British Solomon Islands after last week's series of earthquakes in which 12 people are known to have died.

Reporters on secret tour of Robben Island prison

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, April 25 in conditions of secrecy, a

small group of foreign and South African journalists was taken today on a visit to Robben Island, the maximum security prison off the coast of Cape

The prison, which holds some of South Africa's leading political prisoners, including Mr Nelson Mandela, leader of the banned African National Congress, has rarely been visited by reporters. Eefore setting out on today's

expedition the journalists had to accept a number of condi-tions laid down by the authori-ties, including the submission of their reports for "security" censorship before publication.
The five foreign journalists in the party were from the five

news agencies that have offices in South Africa. No other foreign journalist was invited and photographers were barred. Last week the Ministry of Information asked the news agencies concerned to nominate Party battle, page 14 a reporter to take part in " an

event" too secret to be di-closed but "unique" and "unlikely to be repeated". Revealing their destination today, Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice, Police and Prisons, said that after allega-tions of bad conditions of Robben Island it had been de cided to invite a group of journalists "to ascertain for themselves the true treatment circumstances of the prisoners incarcerated there". Annesty

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The conditions attached to the visit prohibit any interviews with prison inmates. All storics are subject to security clearance by the commissioner for prisons, and the news agencies have agreed " in the interest of objective and perspective reporting to publish in full any comment the Commissioner Prisons may wish to make concerning a particular story. None of the stories may be published until Wednesday.

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The distinguished author of the best-seller "SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL" has written a new book entitled "A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED." (Jonathan Cape) which will be on sale on the bookstalls in September. His address will deal with the topical subjects:

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munity—that policy nowaday, has an international dimension.

There are said to be several advantages to be gained from having an overseas department in a single home service.

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much duplication of efforts and

services would be avoided. Secondly, the combining of export promotion with indus-

trial expertise could well lead

to more practical results. Thirdly, the aid and develop-ment effort, which though

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important espect of Britain's involvement in the wider world

Finally, the suspicion that the

foreign service is a privileged elite, ill-founded as this might be, would be removed imme-diately. Overall there would be

a greater streamlining of foreign affairs and perhaps an

Reports of the demise of the diplomatic service are prema-ture. The Foreign Office is alive and well, though some of its senior members may be look-

ing a bit green about the gills awaiting the Think Tank's report on its future. This report, prepared by the Central Planning Review Staff, is now akmost ready, it is under-stood, and will be handed to Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, early next month. It is then expected to be published within a few weeks.

The main recommendation of the team, who have spent the past year or so investigating Britain's foreign representation, is believed to be a controversial one : to bring the Foreign Office into the home civil service.

The idea would be to form a new Department of Overseas Affairs, it is being suggested, comprising the present diplomanic service, the export side of the Department of Trade, and the Ministry of Overseas Devel-It has been assumed in the

Tenk was in some way gunning for it or trying to cut it down to size to suit Britain's needs in the modern world. In one sense this may be so, but what some of the more nervous diplomets have over-

Foreign Office that the Think

looked is that a new Department of Overseas Affairs might well leave the Foreign Office—under another mane—in an even stronger position.

At the same time, the pro-

conony in expendinge.

And at the end of it all given British traditionalism and the technical profitiency of the diplomatic service itself, who could say but that the Foreign Office would not emerge, phoenix-like, more resplendent than ever?

Ethiopia expels three Western journalists

Nairobi, April 25 The only three Western journalists based in Ethiopia— Mr Jeremy Toye, of Reuters, Mr David Ottaway of the Washington Post, and M Laurent-Chenard of Agence France Presse—were today ordered to leave the country within 48 hours.

The Ethiopian Government accused them of sending distorted reports of events and particularly about the continu-ing "revolution of the broad

The expulsions came shortly after the orders closing all the Western consulates in Asmara as well as four American insti-tutions. The closure of these offices had received wide publicity, and the expulsion of the journalists was thought to be a sign of the annoyance of the Ethiopian authorities.

All three correspondents have been working under difficult conditions, and have been fully aware that their dispatches were being scruinized closely. The Government also recently seized the "Voice of the Gos-pel" radio station, which had izarion in Addis Ababa.

The official autouncement today accused the Western journalists of being the main source of "fallacious and

they were in no position to report freely on the activities of secessionist guerrillas there. The removal of the three gives the regime a virtual monopoly on the issue of information from Ethiopia. The anti-Govern-ment forces, however, use other channels to disseminate their statements, and these will not be affected.
Addis Ababa: Mr Onaway has worked from Addis Ababa for

made no direct reference to the

rebellion in Eritrea, it was assumed that one of the main

complaints against the three journalists was their reporting of events in the region, although

three years, but Mr Teye and M Chenard arrived here less

than a year ago.

The Ethiopian correspondents of Associated Press and Agence France Presse were not affected

by today's announcement.—AP. Our Athens Correspondent writes: An American Air Force C141 aircraft landed here today with 85 of the 300 United States nationals expelled from Ethiopia. The first group of American

evacuees was described by a spokesman as "mostly depend-ants they include children and one nine-month-old baby." They will stay temporarily in hotels

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and Uganda—was " a matter for shame not for pride".

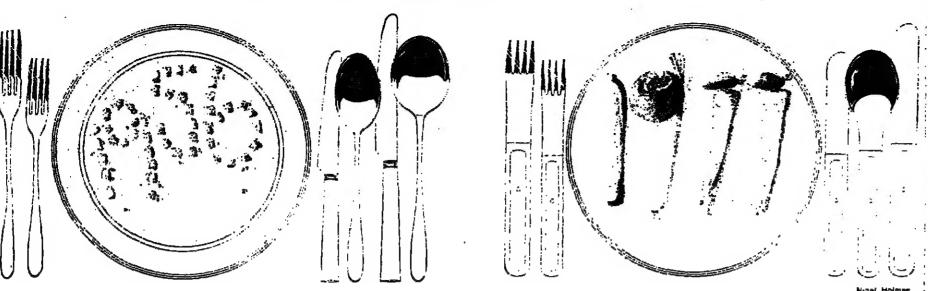
He said that many projects listed in Tanzania's five-year de-velopment plan would have to be postponed as a result of the rechannelling of resources because of the collapse of community institutions.

He told a special Constituent

Assembly meeting that Tanza-nia had no alternative but to begin planning for the running of services provided by the collapsed institutions.

In law, all the East African corporations still exist. In practice there are the services there are the services tha

The Design Centre, shop window for the Design Council, was opened by the Duke of Edinburgh on April 26, 1956. This Special Report, which marks the twenty-first anniversary of that occasion, looks at this year's Design Awards-announced today-and examines the contribution of design to Britain's industrial performance



These two sets of cuttery, designed by David Mellor of Sheffield, underline a paradox that lies at the heart of good sheffield, underline a paradox that lies at the heart of good sheffield, underline a paradox that lies at the heart of good sheffield. andures. The set on the right, Chinese Ivory (it also comes black), was taunched at the end of 1975 and has won one of this year's eight Design Awards for consumer and contract moods. The other set, Pride, won an equivalent award in 1957 the year that the then Council of Industrial Design launched its annual scheme. The design of each set can easily be dated. Pride is an elegant, spindly product of the mid-1950s, swied when memories of the Skylon were fresh in the public

mind; the snug, squat shapes of Chinese Ivory are equally attuned to the tougher spint of today's architecture—they would look splendid, for instance, in one of the restaurants at the National Theatre.

Similar contrasts may be drawn in relation to their manufacture. The silver-plated nickel silver used for Pride is coined and forged, while the knife handles are made of white xylonite; the broad, flat blades of Chinese lyory are cut out from sheet steel—"like a reel of Sellotape", Mr Mellor says and the handles are moulded in acetal resin. Prices and weight may reflect something of the difference : Pride costs

more than Chinese lvory (£25.60 for eight pieces, as against £19.62) and weighs less (360 grams as against 540). More than 4,000 six-piece settings of Chinese Ivory have been sold since the range was launched 18 months ago. Pride was relaunched only at the beginning of this year, "but already the response has been overwhelming", its designer says. others recognized an old friend. It all goes to prove, I suppose available from David Mellor at 4 Sloane Square, London SW1,

that you can't keep a good design down." Both sets are

It must look good and work well

by Kenneth Owen

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increasingly conscious of the products; now there is much industrial less room for error.

design. Some 40 working parties, with representatives from management, unions and government, had been estab-

"As part of the Government's contribution to the industrial strategy, we have made available substantial sums of money through the industry schemes and many of these have significant high. Lord Caldecote notes. product development sectors. A failed design and develop-

machine tools, textile machielectronic components is "If you buy the wrong already available for product machine tool you can at least nery, printing machinery and

"But we are not satisfied with this and are now actively considering a wider scheme for expanding support for new product design and development over a much wider area of manu-

facturing industry." One arm of the Governnent's industrial strategy is that provided by the National Enterprise Board, which invests in selected companies

in various sectors of indus-try. Lord Ryder, NEB chair-man, recently added his thoughts on the significance "Good design is of key

importance to the future of British industry, and there-fore to the long-term economic performance of the nation", he said, "because in the final analysis design is the critical factor that determines whether our customers at home and abroad will choose to buy British goods. "All those elements in a product which will make it more competitive in world markets are largely deter-mined by designers—its con-cept, performance, safety in use, appearance, price and, not least, whether or not it can be produced efficiently and thus contribute to better

productivity."

Britain made many excel-lent products, Lord Ryder said, but we did not produce enough of them and in some fast enough. Our productivity one of the reasons why we needed to step up our investment in new plant and

equipment. cient production would not f it were not accompanied by investment to ensure the

investment to ensure the advocate of letting comhighest standards of design.

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national scale is the aim of new-product judgment.

The Design Council, which in recent years has paid increase belance of design skills in ing attention to engineering the people who will design.

The author is Technology design. Previously, its main and develop the new Correspondent, The Times.

necessary in 1977 to emphasize that design is not just a cosmetic exercise; that design is not just a cosmetic exercise; that design is not merely compared with some other design of British products is pastrycooks who simply and the icing to the care.

The person who buys a product is entitled to expect that it will do what it should on an appropriate length of the design of a product, with the Society of Industrial thrust had concerned indusproducts will be difficult at thrust had concerned indusproducts will design in the sense that also. Traditionally the alesting thrust had concerned indusproducts will be difficult at thrust had concerned indusproducts will be difficult at thrust had concerned indusproducts. Traditionally the alesting thrust had concerned indusproducts. Traditionally the alesting thrust had concerned indusproducts will design in the sense that also. Traditionally the constituent along the constituent of the design of whith the foreign of the design of whith the foreign of the design of the sense that also. Traditionally the constituent along the products, runs courses and conferences (23 last year on the constit

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enormously between different industries and companies); the ability of specialists to work well together and for the overall design process to be well managed; and a recognition by the chief executive of the company of the corporate

importance of design.

Teamwork that enables specialists to merge their efforts in a multidisciplinary approach is of paramount importance. This has always been true for complex products; now the designers are faced with an increasing number of constraints.

At the Design Centre you council nas achieved both it is to be admired.

In praise, we may note The author is chairman, and learn, if you so wish, that despite the all-drowning Allied International Dehow Leyland controls quality, sea of nostalgia and prefersigners. Talk about design, ence for the past that fills (Barrie & Jenkins, £6.00); ence for the past that fills (Barrie & Jenkins, £6.00); our life, the Design Centre the latest of several books consistently provides a which he has written on the glimpse of modern Britain subject, was published in the provided of the past that fills (Barrie & Jenkins, £6.00); and there is more. number of constraints. Same of these were dis

cussed at a recent London conference organized by the Institution of Engineering Designers. They include economy in the case of materials and economy in use, better (and defined) maintainability, and the reuse of materials through recycling.

for obsolescence, one speaker suggested, was no longer a valid concept. Overall, designers needed to be aware of factors other than technology—they needed a "socio-economic brief" as well as a rechnical specifica-

design resources which, in general, are grossly under used. As in other areas, the design skills of some British individuals and organizations are best recognized over seas; at PA Managemen Science Centre near bridge, for example, about work, almost entirely new product design and develop ment, is for overseas clients Under the auspices of the National Economic Develop-ment Office, most of the working groups examining strategy for various sector strategy for various sectors of industry have concluded, as Mr Callaghan noted, that good design is good for their particular industries. Now the key question is how to move from these sectoral conclusions to a national improvement in design.

The Design Council is now discussing with NEDO ways in which the design and development of new products can be strengthened in the context of national economic industrial planing. Among the suggestions being considered is a design audit scheme under which the council might assess and monitor the design ability

Council's activity is vast in scope

shaped by design, can offer.

has scarcely begun. This year marks a new beginning. Should the council continue or alter its work?

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The Design Council's task

by James Pilditch

I am in a rut and I like it. That was said about the Council of Industrial Design by a girl who worked there. Not yesterday. In 1957. If that sounds critical of

If that sounds critical of what is now the Design Council, which this year celebrates the twenty-first london is now seen, by anniversary of its Design those who know, as the Counce, it is meant, on the whole, to be the reverse.

"It is there", a journalist said of the council recently. His tone implied it always His tone implied it always any factory or department has been. Because in Britain you probably have to be

venerable to be respected, the Design Council's air of solid permanence may be counted a triumph. Established in 1944 by the President of the Board of Trade to "promote by all Trade to "
practicable practicable means improvement of design the products of British industry, the Design Council today enjoys a stature, weight and

weight and competence beyond parallel in the world. While the work of the Duke of Edinburgh, Lord Snowdon (often behind the scenes) and others has undoubtedly been a brilliant influence, the sustained achievement of the whole staff and directors-present and past-deserves to be hon-

oured.
Today the Design Council spends £3m a year (almost 40 per cent of which it gener-ates itself) on a span of activity too daunting to describe. It runs the Design Centre in the Harmarker an grants go to factories up and down the land regardless of what they make. Centre in the Haymarket, an office in Cardiff and the Scottish Design Centre in Glasgow. It publishes maga-zines and books. It tries hard spent to re-equip the textile industry. The looms could be to improve design education (to which it attaches great importance) and helps firms

Design Council awards are well known. Less known, though of immense porential, well known. Less known, the stand up for what is more, but as an inspiring is the down-to-earth work of new and bold while slither- and practical part of market- engineering field officers. They are qualified engineers Whitehall which, at best, by putting the customer who visit firms, diagnose proof only hear echoes of industry first; even before the factory the engineer, the impossible. As far as the Baybaya 2 is the down-to-earth work of engineering field officers. he visit farms, diagnose prolems and recommend imrevements.

At the Design Centre you
an buy a jubilee souvenir, is to be admired.

"By all practicable means the Design Council must look two ways, because it needs the understanding and been? On this anniversary and when, by coincidence, a whose point of view, knowmew director is about to take ledge and needs are quite office, the question is timely.

More than half a militon government.

People visited the Design Centre last year. A university chair in design management has been accordingled. Mr Keith Grant, the council's director-designate, has seized that point. Dis-

cil's director-designate, has few people with design awareness in decision-making positions, he has said "the Design Council should inten-sify its efforts to provide the help and advice manufac-turers truly need.". Why? Because, be argues. store. In neither do people enjoy a fraction of the quality, comfort, convenience, taste or harmony which modern technology. constant improvement design, particularly in the export field is vitally necessary to Britain's economic recovery modern technology,

That may Design Council's own appre-ciation of design will change. Middle-class motives remain powerful. Unless we are careful good design, like clean socks, will continue to be seen as an end in itself, all the more satisfying when there is a popular social

Indeed, there may be such a predilection for imposing the answer of "good design" that we neglect the proper questions. And in this chang-ing world if we do not get the questions right neither will the design be, however elegant.

But this is not so easy the money earned in the Today industry divides country, understanding in crisply into those few compublic places of design is panies that understand the negligible. We have all seen modern world (and progress modern world (and progress accordingly) and the majo-rity that do not (and will not). The Design Council will obviously want to identify the thinking of one

weaving crossword puzzles for all the thought given to design in this decision. The If one word pinpoints the keting, but in my interviews people have proved they do others, misguidedly, may see not want; which is the main reason why firms fail in the opposite of sound engineering to lace.

Over many years the Design Council is striving to accommodate to provide entered the disherements.

perspective) it should also way of creating heauty in a inspire and lead. world that could do

A tradition of fine design

Josiah Wedgwood created Queen's Ware in 1765 and changed the history of tableware in doing so. His designs had a sophistication which wouldn't be out of keeping in 1977 - and a durability unheard of at the time.

In 1767 he designed a simple. elegant coffee cup and saucer in Black Basalt which you can see in the Design Centre today.

During its long history, Wedgwood has collaborated with the leading artists of the day-from George Stubbs and John Flaxman in the 18th Century to Susie Cooper, RDI, Richard Guyatt, FSIA,

Eduardo Paolozzi and David Gentleman. RDI. today:

Wedgwood was an original supporter of the Council and was, in fact, the first ceramic company ever to win a coveted Design Award. Some of the Wedgwood products currently on the Design Index are shown here.

Evidence of the Wedgwood view that, although Time may affect fashion, good design is timeless.

Wedgwood

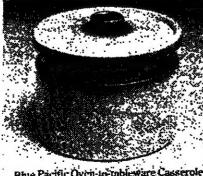


Silver Jubilee Mug in Queen's Ware. designed by Richard Guyatt, FSIA.





Pine Bone China Plate in Corn Poppy design. Peter Babbit Nurseny warr mug.



Bhie Pacific Oven to Inbleware Casserole.



"A considerable proportion of the £75m allocated to most useless thing in the with nothing at the end.

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sell it secondhand to some-body. But if you spend a million pounds on a design and development programme and you have misjudged the goes wrong, you've market, or the 'development

This is why, as the Prime Minister remarked, invest-ment in new products is of tremendous importance. "In our view in the Design Council". says Lord Caldecore, "it is of more importance, usually, than investment in

new plant". Investment in new products—provided the market specification and the design brief (the initial instructions to the designer) are right-will create employment, Lord Caldecote explains, as the new product generates new

sales at home and abroad. Nine times out of ten, by contrast, investment in new plant means less employment, since the capital invistment will have been justified on the basis of producing the same output with fewer

people.
Further, new product-designs often lead to orders for new manufacturing equipment, since the design process will have included evaluating the latest methods of production in order to make the product in the most

efficient way.

But it much more difficult to raise money for investment in new products than it is for new plant, since banks are reluctant to security. Investment in new products is risk money and, though Mr Callaghan's

promise of expanding government support for new product design is welcome, Lord Caldecote is a forceful advocate of letting com-



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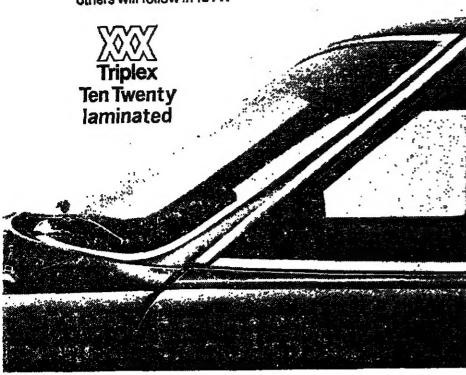
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Sir Paul Reilly (left in the picture), director of the Design Council since 1960, will hand over next June to Mr Keith Grant, secretary of the Royal Society of Arts (right): profiles by José Manser, picture by Robin Laurance

Amiable and avuncular politician

Sir Paul Reilly has been fortunate enough to spend most of his life doing a job he finds so interesting it bardly seems like work. Son of Professor Sir Charles
Reilly, the architect, his
interest in design and architecture was already firmly
established by the time he
went up to Oxford to read
politics, philosophy and
economics in 1930, but desgive-or perhaps because of pite—or perhaps because of
—his respect for his father
he never considered becoming a practitioner of either

Instead, after a course in usiness administration at the London School of Eco-nomics, a short period in ndustry with a plywood namifacturer, culminating manuacturer, commaning in a stint as a sulesman (an experience he claims to have found invaluable) and one or two entrepreneurial ventures, he opted in 1935 for invariations.

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The News Chronicle, under its editor Gerald Barry, was a newspaper which showed an enlightened interest in what we now call "the what we now call "the environment". What better niche for him? He progresniche for him? He progres-sed from assistant leader page editor to features editor, taking the work of architecture and design cor-respondent in his eager stride and would, he says, certainly have returned to the newspaper after war service had not the shortage of

He was sent to the United States to study the plastics industry so he could start up a plastics magazine for a British publisher. He asked nas trip home aboard a cunarder, first class, and he ound himself seated next to ir Gordon Russell in the lining salon—confirming the videly-held belief that, for

business reasons, it is sensible to travel first class.

Some months later Sir Gordon invited him to become chief information officer at the new Council of Industrial Design. He joined the CoID in April, 1948, and the pattern of life's work and interest was set.

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Sir Paul is a gregarious and articulate man who has thrown all his considerable energies into fighting for the cause of good design which he holds dear. He declined the political career his father would have liked for him. Nevertheless, in the non-party sease, he is an accomplished and professional politician who in his amiable and avuncular way amiable and avuncular way has kept the Design Council, as it is now called, on a steady (though not always easy) path from the time he ecame director in 1960.

He has played the right cil for engineering design, became an account executive education and the arts, but also fought rigorously at Crawfords where, under someone with administrative for that council to become the influence of its creative experience and an agreeable part of the existing ColD director, Ashley Havinden, personality.

rather than a separate entity.

Figures in industry, government and design from all over the world know and the Royal Opera Company respect Sir Paul. He has promoted British design, Group, a job which engaged given endless words of advice on the setting up of foreign design centres, and spoken at innumerable functions—"the one thing I've designers, strengthened his at the Oxford Union I dried design awareness. The years up completely, and I'm still in agony at the prospect of at the Oxford Union I dried up completely, and I'm still in agony at the prospect of making a speech after all these years", he says.

For the future, he has been invited to write two books; he is to be design adviser to the chairman of one of Britain's largest manu-facturing companies and to

facturing companies and to be on the board of a design group. He is also a Royal Fine Arts Commissioner, is rine Arts Commissioner, is on the Council of the Royal College of Art—and much else besides. "As long as I can work, and afford to keep my home within walking distance of the Victoria and Albert Museum I shall be happy."

Tough, healthy streak of ambition

cards, lobbled the right degree in modern languages, director of the Design Counpeople and travelled the he wanted to be an export cil. The RSA links with the
world in the furtherance of salesman. His enthusiasm was Design Council were close
his beliefs. Design for him thwarted. Several large and historic, and it was the
encompasses everything, manufacturing companies one job whose broad scope
from crafts to heavy engioffered jobs but none would was exciting enough to tempt
neering products. He was guarantee eventual transfer him.

The council needed somenot only an early advocate to the export side. He went of the setting up of a coun- into advertising instead and one with contacts in industry,

contact with many people and much travel, and during this time Mr Grant married a South African, Deanne Bergsma, a principal dancer with the Royal Ballet.

With his fortieth birthday looming, Mr Grant, whose charm, humour and lack of cynicism do not conceal a nough and healthy streak of ambition, felt the need to move a before I got irretrievably stuck in this one job for life". Appointed secretary of the Royal Society of Arts, he assumed himself settled for years. He much enjoyed organizing and hosting in many functions, running the bursaries scheme which is such a strong and growing link between industry and the design schools, initiating schemes for employing en-downers and acting as im-presario (his word) for other people's ideas as well

as his own. He was thrown off course only momentarily when, after When Keith Grant left three years, he was invited Cambridge in 1958 with a to apply for the post of degree in modern languages, director of the Design Coun-

The council needed some



engineering to try to help companies identify their real problems (which are not always the lems, he sources of appropriate that sources of ap

an annual fee of £100, and appropriate specialists. Norm-value-added tax, companies ally they would not offer are entitled to a range of professional advice them-services which includes selves, unless the problem visits by field officers, access lay in their own area of knowledge. engineering technology and industrial design knowledge, design scrutinies of products (critical appraisals by a team

can pay on an ad hoc basis for these services. Typically, these charges would be £50 ments, practising consultants (including recently regized doyen designers) and com-

dynamics, chemical engineer sources the Design Council ing, corrosion, energy con-could handle about 200 member companies in its design fer, mechanical handling, advisory service. In just over structural engineering and microprocessor applications, was launched, more than 80 During 1975, the last full firms have joined. In size year in which the service and products they represent operated on its free informal a fair cross-section of British basis, the field officers industry; they include Burn-visited more than 900 com-dept Electronics, Cadbury panies. Over 300 requested Typhon, Chubb Fire Security, Crosfield Electronics, ICI Mond Division, Nuclear En-terprises, Pitney Bowes and 400 experts or sources of

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Advisory service finds the right experts

by Kenneth Owen

tracting manufacture has the astute business pracbut sub-contracting sounds vaguely disdesign sounds vaguely disreputable." This point was made two years ago by Mr Geoffrey Constable, head of engineering design at the Design Council, discussing the conneil's then newly formed engineering field the three are the more require fundamental reroutine snags of everyday search." he says.

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Two years later, disreputable or not, the sub-contract-ing of design has become credit for this must go to the council's field officers, whose efforts are now focused in a formal Design Advisory Service for which companies pay a basic £100

to develop its engineering design services, as an addiion to its already well-estab-ished services in industrial lesign, Mr Constable letected a recurring pattern in which outside assistance

ras appropriate. where the client's comment might be: "But my designers said they had the necessary experience").

"The predictions of my lesign team are usually ight, but only time no lot afford to be wrong "). ight, but this time we can-Third, the disaster ("We are installed 1,000 machines oversees and none of hem works properly"). Found, rapid expansion

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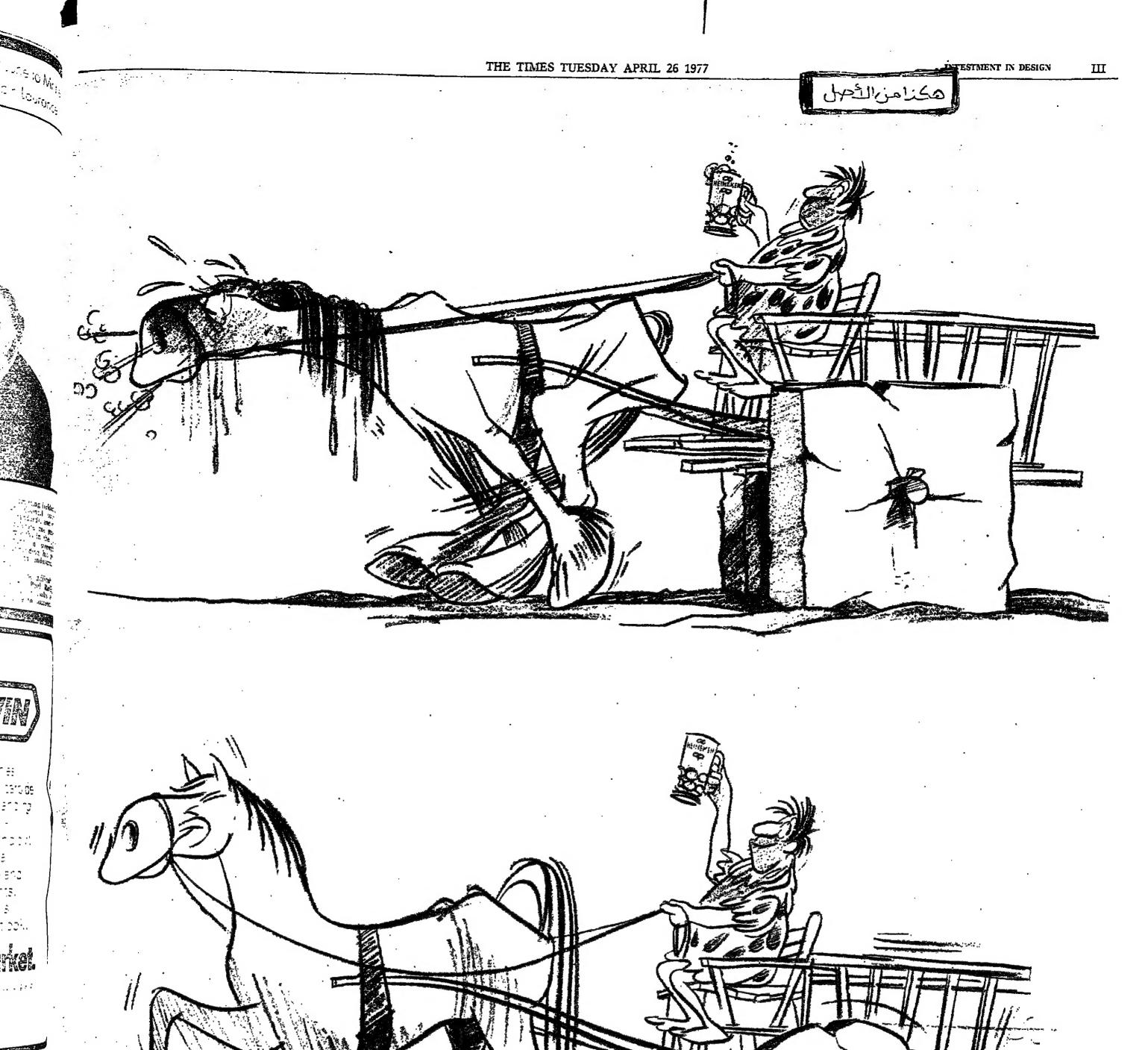
One of the resources to which they have access is the council's Record of Engineering Design Expertise. This is a list, maintained at the council's headquarters in London, of available cources of knowledge, universities. of knowledge—universities, polytechnics, research associations, research establish-

design essistance, and almost

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and VAT for disgnosis and referral of a design problem; £20 and VAT for a saraight-More than 70 subject areas sources of knowledge; and are covered in the record, cost and £100 for a design extending from acoustics to scrutiny. With its present staff re-



Heineken. Refreshes the parts other beers cannot reach.

History teaches value of awareness

by Clive Ashwin

consumer, such as textiles, consumer design. furniture and domestic ceramics.

The second route to pro- design of texules (critically fessional qualification is a vulnerable to foreign compe-course in one of the branches tition), ceramics and furnishof engineering design, such ings. Since that time indusas civil, aeronautical or electrial design has remained trical engineering, at one of embedded firmly within the the university or polytechnic state-funded public sector of departments. While the in-education and, with few destrial designer is pre-notable exceptions, hardly dustrial design education dominantly concerned with penerrated the universities. was given a new look, a new deploying known technolo- Engineering design, on qualification—the National ent and aesthetically attractive manner, the engineering designer is more likely to be looking for technological impovations which will yield greater efficiency and in-

turns to the institutional regrettably, normally structure responsible for edu- separate faculties.
cating designers it is remark- The historic segregation

There are two principal made a grant for the foundaroutes to qualifying as a pro-tion of a school of design fessional designer in Britain in London, industrial design today. The first is to follow became the first subject in one of the many courses in the history of British eduindustrial design run by cation to attract specific colleges of art and design funding. The founding and by design departments fathers of the system felt in polytechnics. The generic more confident about our term industrial design de international lead in heavy notes professional activities engineering, such as railwhich are concerned with ways, shipping and factory shaping and decorating pro-machinery, than they did ducts made for the private about our competence, in

In those early days, great

Loughborough coming high nearest thing to a union between the two spheres of creased economy.

This definition is a simpolytechnics, which often a degree-status diploma (the plistic one but when one embrace both areas although, diploma in art and design) turns to the institutional regrettably, normally in and its proposals were put

dict or control the often catastrophic consequences of their misplaced ingenuity.

about on tower blocks, the Government's reversal New Town policy and the fierce resistance to nuclear power schemes all serve to reinforce the popular view of a discredited generation of designers and architects. emphasis was laid upon the Back-ro-nature movements of the past decade manifest not only general disenchanement with industrial society, but a specific revulsion for the 1960s surfeit of Concorde,

Ar the end of the war inknown technolo- Engineering design, on qualification—the Nation functionally efficit the other hand, is dominated Diploma in Design—and by the universities, with new course structure based Imperial College, Bath and on the contributory disciin the order of prestige. The The Coldstream report of 1960 proposed among other things the elevation of the best of the NDD courses to into effect during the early

able to what a high degree of industrial from engineer—Coldstream also gave nician —a rude mechanic of which many already find a are all too often perverse the ideological dichotomy is reflected in a rigid segregation of courses, and an unwieldy product to the most pernicious degree of autonomy, seized dence of a tendency to pernicious degree of autonomy in the cubic benchmark to the cub of "raste" and, on the art On some of these courses than in the grievous decline But it also led to the ulti-requirements of sustenance lirde more than a school of and behavioural psychology of attempting to and shelter consumers in fine art combined with a tea- and the aspiration to transfer of the Council for since the early 1960s.

The council for since the early 1960s. National Academic Awards)

> or disappeared altogether. little drawing no fine art tice of crafts and fine art. and no autographic print-

If there is one truth to be the fine art element prescri-bed by Coldstream has dwin-design, it is that good design The GLC's recent turn-died to a mere genuflexion, has never prospered except under the direction Craft suffered a similar designers who understood the fate. If, it was asked, the full sensory consequences of professional designer spends their products how they most of his time designing will look, feel, sound, smell for machine production, and taste to the consumer. what is the virtue in culti- This kind of awareness vating the manual dexterity (which was, incidentally, the demanded by crafts? The original definition of agessituation varies from subject thetic " judgment) cannot be to subject, but one must not bought cheaply, and is only now be surprised to find a acquired at all by direct and degree level course in continuing interaction with graphic design in which the physical materials, tradistudents are required to do rionally achieved in the prac-

> The waning of crafts during the 1960s left an ideo-The danger of such a logical vacuum which was regime and the philosophy partly filled by the notion behind it is that the designer of problem-solving. Accordisprone to degenerate into ing to the problem-solving an ideas man whose personal ethos the designer was a skills extend no farther than kind of socio-industrial photomoniage and adhesive physician who, with a few lettering, and who is increas- well-chosen questions, a flowingly dependent upon the chart and a slide rule could hands of others to realize prove that his solution was his intentions for him.

> Indeed, recent sporadic One must not overlook the attempts to breed a species real benefits of the vogue so-called "design tech- for problem-solving, a term

that one design solution was better than another the in-destrial designe Sched from the arms of the artist and craftsman to those of the social scientist and mathematician. Certainly, there are many factors in the evalua-tion of a design which can quantified, particularly with regard to economic and functional criteria.

But, alas, human beings

and spiritual fulfilment from artefacts, which thereby actively considered transfer- science. become a species of quasi-art ring the design laurels, to-

Variants of the problemsolving docurine have been welcomed with enthusiasm by many put its house in order, a task word, we have to call taste institutions, including the which it achieved under the I cannot tell you what it is Royal College of Art, which able direction of the late Sir but I can tell you where it enjoys a virtual (and ques- Robin Darwin who became is. And it will not be long enjoys a virtual (and quest room parwin with become young designer; nolv of advanced industrial art epidemic was similarly begin to look again in.

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Lancer Boss

The Marine Engineering Co

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Design Awards 1977: the products, the companies, the judges

umer and contract goods Sinclair Sovereign calculator Chinese Ivory and Chinese Black cutiery Concept tableware

Countdown clock (CD1) Formet range of architectura ironmongery Topper sailing dinghy Tubetrack 7 display lighting Airfield lighting range

Engineering components Mardrive linear transporter P3000 and P4000 high performance gear pumps TR cable reel Presco and SGB Presslok range of scaffolding fittings

Engineering products Lancer Boss 300 and 700 series sidelift trucks telescoping crane Auto Sprint series S lathe 2903/2904 computer system Trident range and Bankers Treasury range safes Series 320 multi pen 250mm industrial indicator recorder

Model 580 ratio recording Infrared spectrophotometer British motor vehicle industry Rosefe car wheel safety device Delugrip road surfacing

Diaphragm spring "turnover Joloda fork-lift mechanical roller conveyor Easysheet removable cover for open-topped commercial

Commendation Car conversion for disabled

Awards in the medical equipment category will be announced

Perkin-Elmer

Crown Cranes)

International Computers

Rubery Owen (Darlaston) **Automotive Products**

Joloda Transport Equipment George Neville Truck

Toby Churchill

Members of the judging panels were as follows Consumer and contract goods

Geoffrey Dunn, formerly chairman, Dunn's of Bromley (chairmary McRobert, director, Retail Trading Standards Association

Robert Heritage, industrial design consultant David Gentleman, graphic designer John Shave, technical director, Dreamland Appliances Peter Wood, lecturer in ergonomics, University of Surrey

R. J. Clayton, technical director, Hirst Research Centre, General Electric Company (chairman)
Professor M. Alexander, department of mechanical engineer ing, Imperial College of Science and Technology
Dr B. C. Lindley, managing director, Electrical Research Asso-N. London, partner, London and Upjohn, industrial design con-

D. C. Thomas, superintending engineering inspector of factor HM Factory Inspectorate ies, HM Factory Inspectorate

R. L. Torrance, engineering director, Stothert & Pitt.

Engineering components

Professor J. Black, head of school of engineering, University of Bath (chairman)

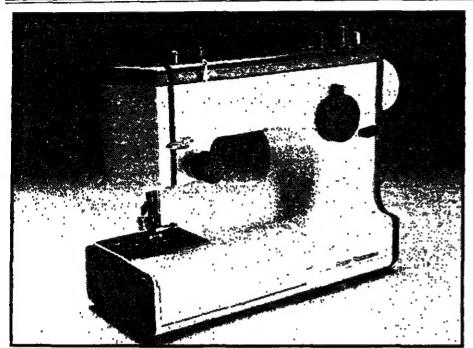
Chubb & Son's Lock & Safe Co N. Butler, partner, BiB Design Consultants. A. J. Eggington, director of engineering and nuclear physics, Science Research Council A. Dewhurst, chairman, Dewhurst & Partner

. G. Keenan, technical director, dynamics, Dowly Rotol

British motor vehicle Industry

Raymond Baxter, Tomorrow's World, BBC Television (chair-Gerald Broadbent, joint managing director, Boalloy Stanley Gillen, recently retired chairman and chief executive. Ford of Europe Kenneth Grange, industrial design consultant, Peritagram Judith Jackson, motoring correspondent, The Sunday Times Marcus Jacobson, chief engineer, Astomobile Association

There will be an exhibition of the aware withing products in all four categories at the Design Centre; Haymarket, London, from May 30 to June 25. The consumer and contract goods will be shown simultaneously at the Design Cente. St Vincent Street, Glasgow; and the other three categories will be exhibited there from August 1 to September 10.





Small and successful: both of these products—not among this year's award winners—were designed in Britain for overseas manufacturers. The compact sewing machine, launched in 1971, was designed by Kenneth Grange of Pentagram for a Japanese company, and now sells around the world, notably in the United States, Canada and Britain. The two-kilogram washing machine was designed by Allied International Designers for a Belgian company in 1972. It sells for about £32, chiefly in Benelux and Germany.

The first agricultural machine to win a Design Council Award. MF of course.

The Massey-Ferguson MF30 Seed and Fertiliser Drill has already earned the in a variety of sizes, is noted for the approval of over 10,000 British farmers, making it far and away the most popular in the country.

However, one of the most rewarding accolades we could possibly have received is the Design Council Awardthe first time any agricultural machine has ever won this coveted prize.

The MF30 Drill, which is available accuracy of its seeding, the precision of its spacing, its exceptional controllability and the overall sturdiness of its construction.

Performance is also excellent Using the 30 row version, over 100 acres of land have been drilled in a normal . working day. This kind of

performance is being increasingly demanded by today's farmers from all their machines, and Massey-Ferguson engineers and designers are constantly working to improve the technology of farming.

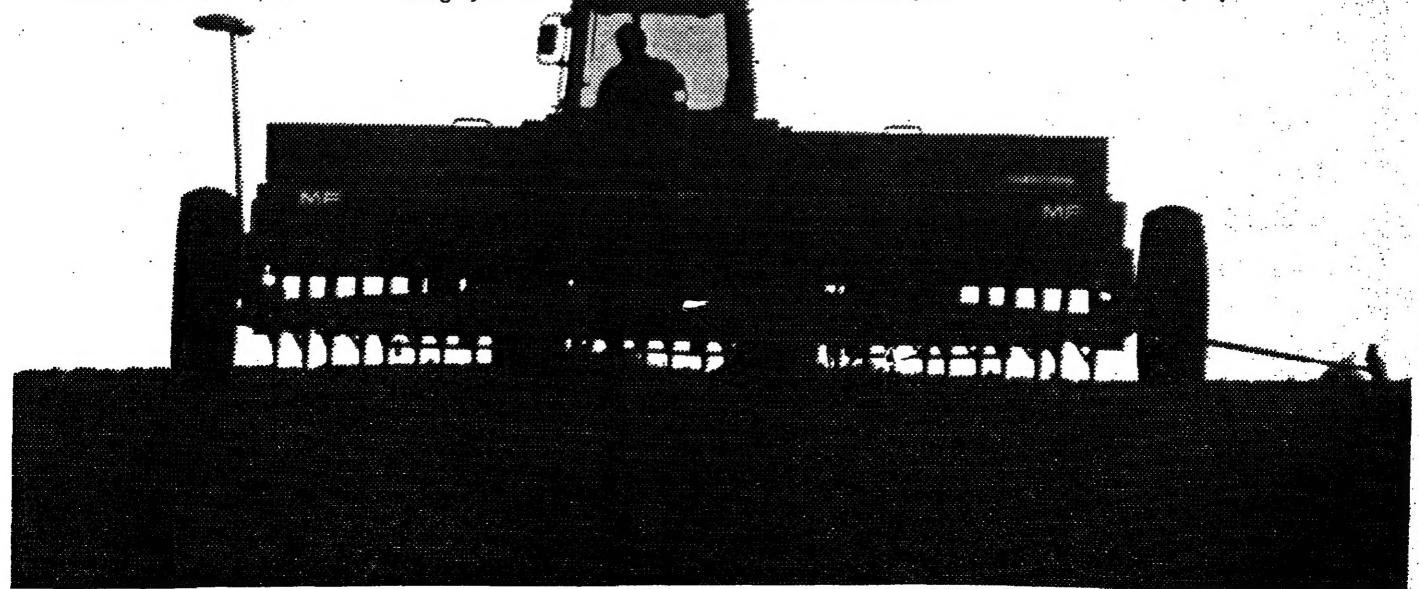
Massey-Ferguson's comprehensive range of farming equipment includes tractors, combine harvesters and cultivation machines, all built to

the same standards as the MF30 Drill.

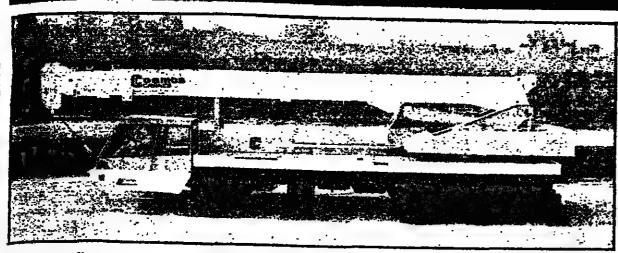
Thankyou Design Council And thank you all the farmers who agree that the MF30 Drill is Britain's best.

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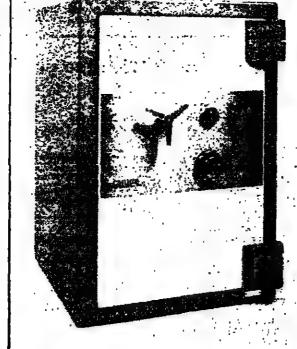


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with the comfort and handling of a car, the 725CM track-mounted elescopic boom crane (above) has won an award in the engineering products section for the Cosmos Crane Co. near Alfreton, Derbyshire. The first crane designed by the firm, it was

planned for easy assembly from parts made by local sub-contractors. Below: robustness and functional design have won a third award for Lancer Boss, of Leighton Buzzard, for its 300 and 700 series sidelift trucks. Right : the impressive security of the latest offering from Chubb,



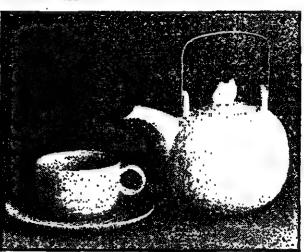
A wide variety of products was represented in the eight awards in the consumer and contract goods section. Below: Sinclair Electronics, of Huntingdon, took an award with its slim Sovereign pocket calculator, which is available in chrome or gold finish. Below centre : the Topper sailing dinghy, a unique technical development, from J. V.

Dunhill Boats, of Basingstoke, was another winner. It has led to the introduction of a new class in sailing. A digital clock (right), which can also be used as a timer, was successful for the House of Carmen, of London, as was (below right) the Concept range of tableware from Hornsea Pottery, of Hornsea, Yorkshire. The range is oven and freezer proof.









Cynicism has gone too far

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Award winners sell faster

Over 20 years 90 companies have won Design Council awards for consumer goods. In a recent survey, conducted for Design megazine, a third of them described their experience. Their evidence indicates that products that win Design Council awards sell faster than others in a company's range. hey help firms to sell abroad, sell to new customers, sell to new stores. Winning an award has a good effect on foreign buyers, on stall, on customers. All winners agree good is important to commercial success.

Here is a summary of findings, expressed in terms of yes" replies:—
Did the product that won a Design Council Award seli:—

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The success story in quality and design

The Crayonne philosophy is simple. In order that it should be fully understood a Crayonne Defined Purpose was drawn up at the very outset and distributed to all concerned. Crayonne's objective as stated, was "to provide a solution to the need for functional, well designed products within the home environment; furthermore, all designs were to be developed on the basis of aesthetic appeal, clearly defined purpose, value for money and the ability to be sold through a pre-determined sector of the retail market." Crayonne was the brainchild of David Sinigaglia, Joint Vice Chairman of Airfix Industries and Managing Director of Crayonne, who in 1972, recognising an obvious gap for high quality home accessories in the plastics market, had the foresight to consult Conran Associates and their design genius, coupled with Airfix's technical skill and experience, resulted in the perfection for which Crayonne is known today.

Crayonne has a strong design management bias and this, together with its desire to break into the market with entirely new products, necessitated the creation of a dynamic corporate image which could be projected within the company, through to the retailer and ultimately to the consumer. This image has been successfully maintained to the present day.

Since 1973 when the first product range, the input Collection, was launched the company has moved from strength to strength now having no less than 95 products currently available on the market from within the following

Inputs * Crayonne 1 and 2 Bathroom Accessories * Boxes Mushroom Lights * Record & Cassette Racks * Door Numbers Clocks * Kitchen Shelving

The two Bathroom ranges and the Kitchen Shelving have made particular impact in gaining Crayonne valuable shelf space in the High Street with an impressive list of customers which now includes most of the major department and chain store groups in the United Kingdom. This terrific achievement is attributable to the total package being offered by Crayonne to the Retailer. A complete merchandising consultancy service is available to enable retailers to maximise sales appeal, including an attractive display board and informative packaging specifically designed for successful

rayonne

Expanding Market **Overseas**

Overseas, Crayonne is now well established in the USA where a subsidiary, Cray-onne USA, was set up in February 1976. Crayonne is now sold in leading department stores including Bloomingdales, Abraham & Strauss, Design Research and J. C. Penny on the East Coast; Saxon Paints of Chicago and even one store in Alaska I in addition, Crayonne has distributors In the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Holland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Norway, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Spain and Sweden and has recently made appointments in Denmark, Austria, Germany and Switzerland. The company's Norwegian Distributor, Jordan AS has been particularly successful in launching Crayonne in fifty-one retail outlets since the beginning of this year, and now Jordan Sweden are commencing their sales drive. Repeat orders from Jordan are already flowing

In Holland, ALM B.V. have been successful in selling Crayonne 1 bathroom accessories to the Royal Palace and have also secured a prestigious contract for a promotional item for a new pharmaceutical.

New Warehouse

in order to meet the rapidly growing demand for large back-up stocks to service both the home and export markets Crayonne, at the

instigation of Deputy Commercial Director, Len Smith, has recently acquired an additional 47,200 sq. ft. of warehousing in Sunbury on Thames.

Situated on a new Industrial Estate, the warehouse incorporates office accommodation for the export department and a superb showroom equipped with conference facilities.

The latter has been designed by Conran Assoclates who have maximised the excellent natural lighting and the wall space available for mounted displays. All Crayonne product lines will be permanently displayed in instore presentations and, wherever pos-

sible, mounted display hibition - exhibition by boards with suggested packaging layouts beneath. Crayonne U.S.A.

David Sinigaglia (2nd left) is shown the new warehouse by Len Smith (right) and Export Administration Manager, Derek Rule (left).

importance placed on

February this year saw Crayonne exhibiting at two very important trade Fairs with outstanding successthe International Spring Fair, Birmingham and the International Housewares Fair, Cologne,

Application TOT Future space at both exhibitions has already been made for 1978 and these will take development place on 5-9 February 1978 and 16-19 February 1978 in Birmingham and Cologne Crayonne attaches respectively.

Other arrangements for this year are :---

28th April-14th May— Tel Aviv

Modern Living Exhibition where Crayonne is: exhibiting jointly with our Distributors Sar Na.

5th-9th July-Tokyo The Japanese Housewares Fair—at the British Export Marketing Centre—exhibition by Crayonne.

11th-15th July-Chicago National Housewares Ex-



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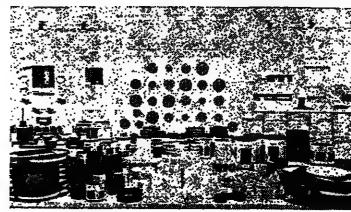
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ted into a Crayonne product

A household

opportunity is seized!

Crayonne has developed in excess of 95 products, many of which have been accepted by the Design Council Index. It has sold many million pounds' worth of a new type of plastic home accessory to a public normally conservative to change. Crayonne is now firmly entrenched in many leading stores and is rapidly becoming a household name. This success is solely due to consistently providing good design, quality and value for money.



Some Crayonne products recently shown at the International Spring

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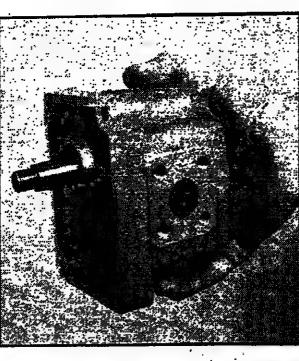
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Only five entries out of 40 for engineering components have won awards, including (left) the P3000 and P4000 ranges of highly engineered hydraulic pumps from Dowty Hydraulic Units, of Cheltenham. The pumps, designed for high-volume production, are being produced at a rate of 3,000 a week for both home and overseas markets. The award is Dowty's second.





Left: the Easysheet mechanized cover which won an award for George Neville Truck Equipment, of Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

disabled designed by Mr Toby Churchill, of Cambridge, himself a disabled driver, has been commended in the motor vehicle industry category the first award under an. extension of the scheme to include prototypes.

Cynicism has gone

by José Manser

That was a time booming, the home market healthy and little trace of the national habit of self-designation which now grips us. Designers and architects were the people we expected to provide us with the products and buildings we wanted and we assessed optimism, with the economy

fabrics, garden tools and furniture, some of which were excellent and would be acceptable today. Indeed, one of the very first, the Pride curiery by Walker and Hall, is being reintroduced by its designer, Mr David Mellor, who has also become a manufacturer in the inter-

vening vears. So for the first years the awards, with their widely based criteria of innovation, fimess for purpose, ease of use and good appearance", were treated with cautious respect by manuance", were treated with cautious respect by manufacturers and public alike. But gradually a note of sourness set in. Manufacturers who had jumped on what looked like a promisingly easy bandwagon woke up to the fact that one good design was no pances for incinient business ills.

incipient business ills. Total commitment to excellent design may pay off in commercial terms, but one well-designed object emanating from a company with no idealistic allegiance at all, and with rumbling management faults, certainly will not. Such isolated products

ing goods (both products imagination is captured, they and components) that are of realize we have got somesuch vital importance to the thing good and people from country's economic health, all departments suggest new the motor vehicle industry, ideas. and medical equipment.

muneration, to the tedious immediately in a strong pos-and meticulous business of tion for obtaining good elimination and selection. terms." elimination and selection. terms." I know from my experience

panies who incline to veto concentrated on companies innovation in hard times, and whose total approach qualithe general aeschetic illirer fies them for success and

act from which the executive classes suffer, have all convibuted to that fact.

Nevertheless, there interesting consumer ducts, some from young companies risking capital on new long that the converted and the c

When the design awards interesting consumer prostarted 20 years ago they ducts, some from young comwere greeted with great enthusiasm by the press and considerable interest from consumers.

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Nevertheless, there are interesting consumer products, some from young companies risking capital on new ideas, and for them the short sharp boost given by a design to a superior consumers. sharp boost given by a design trumpeted by enlightened award can contribute considerably to the success of vants, bellowed by designers.

company. It gained one of their own country—and ignored by too many of our contract goods awards with its Countdown CD1 electronic digital clock. Until land we wanted, and we assessed hair rollers. Competition and their efforts with critical the fall in value of the pound interest rather than abuse.

It decided to enter the The awards in those early it decided to enter me years went to consumer pro-wars went to consumer pro-missioned Mr. John Ryan, the designer, to work on a simple modern design which, it correctly assessed, did not yet exist in this country, and now has it and similar products being manufactured in Scotland.

The Countdown CD1 is selling well, and Carmen intends to exploit its award with advertising, streamer: on all its literature, and press releases to customers. It reckors it will be specially valuable in the important overseas markets (Sweden and Germany are big buyers) where an honour from the British Design Centre ap-pears to carry more weight than it does at home.

Big companies as well as small place value on the winning of these awards. Many have entered and won. some on several occasions some for engineering as well as consumer products.

Chubb and Sons is a company where the interest in design begins at the top and permeates the whole firm. Lord Hayter, the chairman, is a vice-president of the Royal Society of Arts and chairman of its industrial sank and were never heard design bursaries board as of again after the initial well as being a past member of the Design Council. His belief in good design is keen, suphoric copy had it quoted back at them, and became more wary about bestowing accolades.

Lancer Rose Ltd. the house

Finally someone uttered a cynical aphorism about "a lorry manufacturers (target exports over 76 per cent of death on a product ", since when the yearly response to its third engineering award to the product to the pr when the yearly response to the awards has often been and Mr Neville Bowman. Shaw, the executive chair this negative attitude has man, is immensely pleased.

gone too far. From small "First it generates confi-beginnings the awards dence within the company scheme has been greatly ex- and sets a high standard panded. It now includes particularly for the design categories for the engineer and sales teams. Everyone's

ideas. "Secondly, because of the The judges for all categor- Design Council's government ies are of the highest stand- backing, it's a huge help with ing, including not only our world-wide exports. It is designers but leading in-influential when we are dustrialists and distinguished tendering for large contracts. dustrialists and distinguished tendering for large contracts, academics. It is a measure it impresses our dealers and of how important they consider the awards to be that tion of licences. Licensees so many successful people approach us rather than the give hours, without reother way round and we are given to the tenders immediately in a case.

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it was obvious that the Egyp-tians failed to gain any fresh and specific British support for the a Palestinian state on the West

When asked by an Egyptian journalist about Britain's attitude towards a "homeland" for the Palestinians, Dr Owen recalled that his predecessor, Anthony Crosland, had said in the United Nations that Britain believed the Palestinians should have such a homeland.

Most nations now accept this view, including the United States. The question at issue is where it should be established, and on this point Dr Owen was not committing himself. It was a matter for paparising between matter for negotiation between the parties concerned, he

The Egyptians are particularly interested in the EEC's role in the Middle East because two months ago the semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahrum published what it claimed was replied: "The format does not replied to was replie published what it claimed was an EEC foreign ministers



Dr Owen being welcomed in Cairo yesterday by Mr Fahmi, Egypt's Foreign Minister.

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ministers were prepared to Heliopolis—now the centre for this morning. President Sadat guarantee collectively any Cairo's military garrison—for of Egypt and Mr Rabin, the peace settlement, but luter de talks with General Gamassi departing Israeli Prime Minis-Egypt's War Minister. Tonight he was due to host a reception for Mr Fahmi at the British Ambassador's residence in

ter, have already visited Washington, and President Carter will meet President Assad of Syria in Europe next

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appeal to Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories.

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In brief

US officials in Havana talks

Washington, April 25.—Senior State Department officials are in Havana for the first time since relations were broken with

Names of all the delegation have been withheld, but the team is ostensibly concerned with resuming talks with Cuba over the new 200-mile fishing limit.

Manson appeal rejected Washington, April 25.—The Supreme Court today refused to hear Charles Manson's appeal against seven murder convictions for his role in the killing of Sharon Tate, the actress, and six other people in 1969. He

must now serve a full life term in jaiL Kidnap death threat

San Salvador, April 25.— Guerrillas who kidnapped Senor Mauricio Borgonovo Pobl, El Salvador's Foreign Minister, six days ago, say they will execute him on Wednesday unless the Government meet their demands for the release of political prisoners.

Geos's new orbit

Cape Canaveral, Florida, pril 25.—Scientists today changed the orbit of the European Geos satellite to one which they hope will enable it programme. A malfunction in its launch rocket placed it in the wrong orbit.

Elusive petrol peace Melbourne, April 25.—Arblitration talks simed at ending the state-wide petrol tanker drivers' strike in Victoria have broken down. The dispute has lasted 10 days. All filling stations in the state have closed

Coffee demand fails

New York, April 25.—The a sharp fall in demand for it in the United States. Thirteen per cent fewer green beans were roasted since the begin ning of the year than during the same period last year.

10,000 in battles Port Moresby, April 25.— About 10,000 tribal warriors fought each other today in five different battles in Papua, New Guinea's Enga province. Two deaths are reported.

Machel visit to West Stockholm, April 25.—
President Machel of Mozambique, making his first official visit to the West, held talks to-day with Mr Faelldin, the Swedish Prime Minister.

Dentists' tax protest Tel Aviv, April 25.—Private dental clinics throughout Israel were closed today in protest against more stringent income tax checks by Government investigators.

Gunfights break uneasy calm in Beirut

Beirut, April 25.-Gunfights erupted again today in the populous west Beirut district of Corniche Mazraa, breaking an uneasy calm which had settled on the area at dawn.

Residents said that the fight-

ing, which began just before noon, seemed less intense than at the weekend, and efforts to quell the outbreak appeared to be succeeding.

A spokesman for the radical

Palestinian Rejection Front said earlier today that "six or seven" of his group's supporters had been killed during yester day's fighting. It is generally believed here that the clashes involved the

mainly Syrian Arab peace-keeping force and gunmen mostly belonging to a pro-Libyan Nasserite group whose leader is believed to be in Iraq. Residents of the district, where fighting started on Saturday night, said gunshots and intermittent explosions con-tinuod until dawn today before

an uneasy calm. The commander of Palestinian forces today ordered a withdrawal from the combat zone. Reuter and Agence France-

Pakistan's martial law challenged in court

From Richard Wigg Rawalpindi, April 25

The opposition National Alliance today filed proceedings before the Punjab High Court in Lahore against the imposition of martial law on Thursday by the Government of Mr Bhurto. An opposition lawyer indicated that they would seek to challenge the move as unconstitu-

tional.

With most of their leaders now jailed by Mr Bhurto, the Alliance met today under the chairmanship of Pir Pagaro, the Oxford-educated head of the Hur people and president of the Muslim League. The meeting in the Muslim League. ing issued a declaration warning issued a declaration warning the military authorities of the risks of partiality and "one-sided" use of martial law.

In Karachi, Hyderabad and In Adrachi, Hyderabad and Lahore the Army is now warning shopkeepers not to exploit the crisis by charging higher prices. They have been ordered to bring down prices to precuriew levels "at once". There has been panic buying by families fearful of the future.

The Army is also serving up

The Army is also setting up complaints centres where exorbitant charges in confi-dence, and in Hyderabad it is issuing its own price lists, tell-ing shopkeepers they must be shoppers can report cases of strictly adhered to, At the same time the opposi-

tion intends as a propaganda exercise to organize bulk pur-chases and then distribute essential items at low prices. The exercise would, it seems, health, it be subsidized by wealthy backers of the Alliance.

Islamabad, April 25.—General years it likka Khan, former Pakistan neighbor Army chief, who is expected Reuter.

ro be given a Cabinet post later to be given a Cabinet post later this week, was today elected to the Senate. Informed sources said Mr Bhutto was likely to appoint him either Defence or Interior Minister. General Tikka was marrial law administrator and Governor in East Pakistan in 1971, when fighting broke out there.

out there. He has been serving as the Prime Minister's special assist-ant on national security since his retirement early last year after four years as Army chief-of-staff. Political observers said his inclusion in the Cabinet would strengthen Mr Bhutto's hand in dealing with the army in the present political up-heaval.

Hitherto, Mr Bhutto has held the Defence portfolio himself. He left the Interior Ministry post vacant when he named his new Government at the end of General Tikka was elected to

the Senate unopposed at a five-minute session of the new National Assembly elected last mouth. He will be sworn in tomorrow at a regular Senate session.

The veteran opposition poli-tician Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, former leader of the Red Shirt movement against British colonial rule in North-West Frontier province, has been granted special permission to go to China for acupuncture treatment, reliable sources said

Now in his 80s and in failing health, he has been under house arrest much of the time since he returned in 1972 from nine years in voluntary exile in neighbouring Afghanistan.—



Brando, the American film actor who is on a visit to Britain, said in London yesterday that the American Government had continued a policy of genocida towards its Indian population (writes Ken Gosling). "They are up against the massive force of the American Government, he said, "The Indian will not give up. It is a now or never fight and the Indians know it." Mr Brando, who is seeking funds in Europe for a 13-part documentary series on the Indians' situation added that

the reaction of white people to Roots-in its book and television versions—was a clear in-dication that Americans were ready to see themselves in a fresh perspective historically. For 90 minutes Mr Brando

addressed a press conference on the subject of his campaign after recording an interview the Tonight programme on BBC Television this evening.

The Indian was "completely dismayed" that American foreign policy was based on human rights while they suffered every day of their lives

New claims on Rhodesia oil sanctions busting

By Roger Vielvoye

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Dian Energy Correspondent New evidence that oil refined in South Africa by Shell and British Petroleum is supplying about 50 per cent of Rhodesia's oil requirements was presented)urnalists

The Supreme People's Assem-

by (SPA) is now considering the work of nursing and educating children. Availing myself of this opportunity I would like to make a few remarks on this

At a SPA session last year we

reviewed the implementation of

the Law on Universal Compulsory 11-Year Education and decided to make it fully effec-tive on September 1, 1975. The current SPA session is discuss-

ing the question of further consolidating and developing our advanced system of nurtur-

ing children and will enact the Law on the Nursing and Up-bringing of Children.

Our Party directs deep stien-don and great efforts to the norture of children not because our country is especially better-off or richer than others, nor

involved in sauction busting.

which is examining whether mission that they had found British oil companies have been new sources to confirm their The inquiry was announced by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary, earlier this month. The two groups, the Haslemere

earlier allegations that oil from Shell and BP was being sup-plied to Rhodesia through the South African company Freight

Services. vesterday by two anti-apartheid Group and the Anti-Apartheid The submission said that invo

grounds for believing that the South African subsidiaries of Shell and BP were providing oil for Rhodesia, they were not accusing the head offices of the two companies of direct The submission said that involvement in sanctions bust-

ON FURTHER DEVELOPING THE NURSING AND UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

Speech Delivered at the 6th Session of the 5th Supreme People's Assembly April 29, 1976



for any propaganda purpose.

We are greatly concerned for
the rearing and unbringing of
children and exert great efforts ruccessfully. What is most important in

thoroughly eliminating the rem-nants of the old society after the establishment of the socialist system, achieving the complete victory of socialism and bringing about com-munism, is the remoulding of the people's thinking on com-munist lines. Especially in those countries which were colonies or underdeveloped like ours before, the aducation and re-moulding of people is of great moulding of people is of great

moulding of people is of great importance.

As I already said in my speech on the question of the transition period and the dicatorship of the proletariat, transition from capitalism to socialism covers a very long period in the formerly backward countries. The longer the transition period, the greater the importance of educating people. Unless people's ideological consciousness is remoulded in the transition period, the complete victory of socialism and successful building of a communist society will be impossible.

For the successful building of

For the successful building of socialism and communism our Party has set forth the policy

of conquering the two fortresses, namely, the ideological and material.

Taking the ideological fortress is most important in occupying the two fortresses for the building of communism. The remoulding of people's ideological consciousness. The remoulding of people's ideological consciousness on communist lines, the conquest of the ideological fortress of communist me a very difficult task that requires a long period to perform. And without the conquest of the ideological fortress, the occupation of the material fortress cannot be successful. Indeed, the economy may be developed and material wealth increased in a comparatively short time. But if people's thinking fails to keep pace with economic development, the already-laid economic foundations may be ravaged or economic construction may reverse. So priority must be reverse. So priority must be given to occupying the ideo-logical fortress through the communist re-education of

people.

For the people to become communist they should be brought up properly from childhood

brought up properly from childhood. There is a saying in our country: A habit formed at the age of three will persist to elgity. If a had habit is developed in childhood due to the lack of proper education, it will be hard to shed k even in manhood. If we are to make a tree grow upright and look shapely, we have to tend it carefully when it is young. If it is left alone when a saoling in grow into a twisted shape, it will take preat trouble to straighten it after full growth. Similarly, if we are to train people to be communist, we must give them good education and look after them well from their early childhood. If they pick up bad habits in their childhood, they can hardly rectify them when grown up no matter how well they may be educated. Our society still has some people who disturb public concargo. Our society still that some people who disturb public order or commit delinquencies, and they all did not receive proper education in their childhood.

For the purpose of rearing all members of the new genera-tion to be fine Communists, we have already introduced uni-versal compulsory 11-year

to adopt the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children. If the new generation are brought up collectively from early childhood and given companions at large extention. compulsory 11-year education, all of them will grow up to be Communists with sound ideological consciousness.

As I have already said, we

education and are now going

are doing this by no means because our country is rich. In the past few years we have introduced compulsory 11-year education and reared all the children in nursery schools and kindergartens, and this cost the stato a tremendous expendi-

re. Now 3.5 million children are in the charge of nursery schools and kindergartens in our country. And the number of pupils and students curolled in schools of all levels from primary school to university is as many as 5,090,000. In all, nearly 8.6 million children and students are trained at state students are trained at state expense in our country. The number accounts for half our population. Taking charge of the upbringing of children and students that make up half the population cannot but be a heavy burden to the state.

There are also many other thick our state.

heavy burden to the state. There are also many other things for which our state bears expenses. In our country, the military expenditure is fairly large. I think our country, of all socialist countries, is shouldering the heaviest military burdens. Because the U.S. imperialists are occupying half the territory of our country and, together with their stooges, are openly making aggressive moves against our Republic, we are compelled to exert ourselves to increase our defence potentials. The state also meets large expenditures to provide for the people's livelihood. We supply food grain to the workers and office employees almost free and provide them with coal and all other items of daily necessities at cheap prices.

Although the expenditure is

and an batter than on an expenditure is great, we lay great emphasis on the nurture of children for the development of the country and the accomplishment of the tasks of the transition period. If we only think of the expenses and neglect our duty to nurse and educate the children, we will be unable to thill the tasks of the transition period, to conouer the ideological fortress and, in the end, to build a communist society.

We have attained great successes in raising and educate.

cesses in raising and educating children collectively at ing children collectively at state and social expense over the past few years. Convinced that we are now in a position to give legal confirmation to the successes in the nursing and education of children, we have decided to adopt a Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children at this session.

The basic aim of making this law at the current session is. law at the current session is, in brief, to bring up all the

children to be true men of a communist type by nurturing

them collectively in a comunist way. Rearing children collectively at state and social expense is also of importance for freeling women from the heavy house-keeping burdens and revolu-tionizing and working-classiz-

tionizing and working-classizing them.

In our country the women are now turning forward one wheel of the revolution. The women hold 48 per cent of the work force in our national economy. They are playing an important part in the fields of education, health service, commerce, and light industry. Particularly in agriculture, women hold the overwhelming portion of the work force and are playing a decisive role. It is no exaggeration to say that is no exaggeration to say that all work in the countryside, except tractor operation done by men, is performed by

by men, is performed by women.

Under the circumstances in which women participate in socialist construction, they should be relieved of the house-keeping burdens. This is the only way to enable them to join public life to work to the best of their abilities and more of them to participate in socialist construction.

In inducing the women to take an active part in the building of socialism, our Party mainly aims at revolutionizing and working-classizing them. Since they account for half of the population, their revolutionization and working-classi-

tionization and working-classi-zation goes a long way towards the revolutionization and work-ing-classization of the whole

the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society.

An effective way of women's revolutionization and working-classization is to let them actively participate in socialist construction. If they are confined to their homes apart from working, organized lives, they cannot be revolutionized. I think it would be very difficult for a husband to educate and revolutionize his wife at home. Words and writings alone are not enough to revolutionize people. The revolutionization and working-classization of people can proceed successfully only through the socialist working life and organized life. The women's revolutionization and working-classization is possible only when they go out into society, actively participate in mental or physical labour and train themselves through organized community life.

For the women to take an active part in the building of socialism their burden should be lightened by bringing up children collectively in nursery schools and kindergartens.

As you see, the collective nursery of children at state and

As you see, the collective nurture of children at state and social expense is not only needed to bring them up to be men of a truly communist type, but indispensable for the revolutionization and working-classization of women. We must therefore bring up children on communist lines, regardless of the expenses.

The collective nurture of The collective nurture of children at state and social expense in our country has

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nothing to do with charity work. It is also fundamentally different from nursing children for the rich in capitalist society. With us the main point is in nurturing the work-ing women's children; we are ing women's children; we are doing this work for the purpose of rearing the new generation into communist-type men and revolutionizing and working-classizing women. I believe our Party is quite right in undertaking this work.

We should sum up and legally confirm the successes and experiences gained in the communist purture of children over the past years and, on

over the past years and, on this basis, improve the work of nursing and educating children. A law is not something immutable. If the Low on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children adopted this time is found defective in the course

in promoting the work of nur-turing children is to conduct the training of nursery-school and kindergarten teachers well. At present each province has At present each province has its own college and centres for the training of nursery-school and kinderparton teachers, and they must be run better in future, so that a large number of nursery-school and kindergarten teachers fully qualified politically and professionally for the unbringing of children. pointcally and processionally for the upbringing of children are turned out. Only then will it be possible to provide revolutionary education to the children and bring them up to be communist men intellectually, morally and physically

fit.

Further, the management and operation of hursery schools and kindergartens should be improved, so that the advantages of collective nurturing of children at nursery school and kindergarten over their home upbringing under pararial care are demonstrated. over their bome uporinging under parental care are demon-

our country now has more than 50,000 nursery schools and kindergartens. All of them and kindergartens. All of them are well-appointed. They are furnished and equipped well and are properly run. Visiting cooperative farms or factories, I lind their nurseries kept clean and the children healthy. The women are very happy that nurseries and kindergartens are well equipped and properly managed at the cooperative farms and factories. In general the nursery schools and kindergartens are now in good shape.

good shape.

But we must not rest content with this. Following the canciment of the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children at this SPA session, the nurseries and kindergar-tens should be better equipped and managed more efficiently. Now the thing is to equip them better from the cultural and sanitary standpoint and supply the children with coough nutrients, All the nursery schools and kindergartens should be provided fully with cultural and sanitary factshould be provided inly with cultural and sanitary facilities, which should be taken good care of. At the same time, the supply of nutrients to the purseries and kindergartens should be improved to feed the children better. Even though we cannot satisfy other needs, we must feed children well. Even though the grownings feel some lack of supplies, the children should be provided with enough of everything they need.

After the promulgation of the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children, you need not forcibly enrol in nurseries even those children whose grandmothers or parents want to rear them at home, on the pretext of developing the up-

grandmonners or parents want to rear them at home, on the pretext of developing the upbringing of children. This law is not one that restrains the freedom of parents to bring up their little ones at home. Those who want to raise their children at home may do so.

I think many dursery-school and kindergarten teachers have come to this SPA meeting ready to make speeches, But since this is a busy farming season, we cannot afford to be long with this meeting. Let us hear their undelivered speeches later at some other opportunities and wind up the meeting here. I hope you will understand the circumstances which prevent you from mak-

which prevent you from mak-ing many speeches. Issued by: The Pyonguang Times

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Carter energy proposals heat up debate in Australia on drawbacks of 'plutonium economy'

President Carter's energy proposals have given a fresh imperus to Australia's debate about whether to exploit its huge and largely untapped uranium is much lower. Its demand in the australian Atomic Energy Commission officials in Sydney, these approach 300,000 ronnes, fox which was commissioned by the search of the search whitlam Government in about whether to exploit its or about 20 per cent of the world's low-cost reserves.

Because Australia is immensely rich in coal, has large reserves of natural gas and can supply 60 per cent of its present oil requirements, it has no read water a develor has no need yett o develop nuclear power.

The argument is therefore about the hazards of mining; the environmental damage to the Northern Territory, where most of the uranium lies, and to aboriginal rights there; and, above all, the dangers of nuclear proliferation.

It is largely a moral argument about exports and not, as in most industrialized coun-tries, about the problems associated with domestic nuclear plants. Like President Carter,

opponents of mining see the trend towards a "plutonium trend towards a "plutonium economy" as the biggest danger. Mr Carter's proposal to halt reprocessing waste nuclear fuel and the development of fast breeder reactors which use plutonium puts them

in a dilemma.

If America takes these steps, its nuclear industry would con-sume more of America's uranium resources, making less available for other countries. This in turn would put up the price of, and increase the demand for, Australian uranium from other users.

And a refusal to supply any transum at all could induce

oppose

Delhi, April 25

dissolution

From Our Correspondent

The state Governments of Rajasthan, Punjab, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh today filed

suits in the Supreme Court of

India against the Centre's move

to dissolve the nine Congress-

run state assemblies on ground

that they do not represent the

electorate as the parliamentary

The other states involved are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Orissa.

Ministers recommending dis-

They invoked the original

urisdiction of the Supreme Court under Article 131 dealing with disputes between the centre and state governments.

Hearings are to continue to-morrow. The Central Govern-

ment which was to take a decision on the dissolution

From Our Correspondent

gourmet infiltration.

Hongkong, April 25
Hongkong has started a
Chinese gastronomic counteroffensive against Swiss-German

Most of Hongkong's tourist

Cantonese chefs, a Dun Sum (light Chinese lunch) cook,

elections have shown.

some countries, such as Japan, to turn earlier than would otherwise be the case to the fast breeder reactor, assuming it to be commercially success-

by the Whitlam Government in July, 1975, to consider the development of the Ranger deposits in the Northern Territory.

The present Government has decided to postpone any decision on mining until the publi-cation of the second Fox report this summer.

Meanwhile the debate goes on, and has already led to some of the largest demonstra-tions since the Vietnam war, in conscripted Australian

troops fought.

The campaign in favour of mining has two scientific heavyweights among its leaders, Sir Philip Baxter, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Sir Ernest Titterton, professor of nuclear at the Australian University in physics

Canberra. Their chief arguments are that nuclear power is needed to fill the energy gap and that Australia cannot deny other nations the possibility of continued economic growth. Other supporters point to the econo-

ment benefits which would result from development. The opponents have formed the Movement Against Ura-nium Mining (MAUM), which is a coalition of MPs, aca-demics, environmentalists, trade unions and others working for a moratorium on ura-

get senior scientists on their side. But they have been handed some powerful ammunition by the first Fox report, which advocated a ban on exporting uranium, not least because it could severely damage relations with Australia's major trading partner,

Japan. It would also breach

the nuclear non-proliferation

But the report dwelt on the benefits which might result from an announced intention not to mine or export for a period of two to five years. In time, safeguards against proliferation or its use for military purposes might be improved and long-term hazards to man and the environment, especially from the disposal of radio-active wastes, reduced.

Fox had no doubt that the production and large-scale use of plutonium would "considerably increase the dangers assoany increase the changers asso-ciated with nuclear power. The report saw a very real risk that the "opportunity and motive for nuclear blackmail would develop and believed terrorists could use reactor-grade plutonium to make a bomb big enough to blow up a skyscraper and kill many more people through radiation.

Australians are now wonder ing whether the world would be safer if they left their ura-nium in the ground.

Many, like Professor Charles Birch of Sydney University, a leading opponent of mining, would like Australia to set an example by becoming "an ecologically sustainable society logically sustainable society which does not use resources at an extravagant rate". It would do better, he believes, to pioneer the development of an nium mining.

They have found it hard to source like solar energy.

Indian states | Hint of an impending Soviet party plenum

Central Committee is about to hole one of its periodic

The date of a plenum is never disclosed in advance and the public only learn about it afterwards. Logically, but not neecessarily, one should be held before mid-May to acquaint the 170 members and candidate-members of the Central Committee with the line Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minis-ter, will take on the arms

The four states have argued before the court that the advice of Mr Charan Singh, the Home Minister, to the nine Chief Secretary of State, in Geneva. Also on the agenda will be plans for the celebration of the solution constituted a "threat" to their assemblies. Therefore they wanted an injunction against the Centre's proposed sixtieth anniversary of the October Revolution, which the Kremlin intends to make a

> The plenum could also provide clues to eventual changes in he top leadership. The restirement of the ruling Politburo's two oldest members—Mr Arvid Pelshe and Mr Wibell Suclay and 78 and 75 Mihail Suslov, aged 78 and 75 respectively—seems to be out he cards.

With them go 5,000 pairs of monogrammed chopsticks,

2,600 pieces of Chinese table-ware and, most important, the

Chinese wine, sesame oil, spice

will be used to prepare Peking duck, Beggar's chicken, shark's fin soup and other Chinese

today, has meanwhile postponed consideration of the issue. other members—Mr Andrei Kirl, lenko and Mr Kiril Mazurov— Delbi, April 25.--Mr Andrei have letely been conspicuously Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived here today for talks with Indian leaders. absent from festive meetings. No expansion has been

hotels and restaurants boast and taro powder, oyster and Swiss-trained chefs. Now two soya sauce and bean paste that

and a Chinese head waiter, fin soup and other Chinese hostess and page boy are leading the Chinese penetration of Both Communist and Zurich and Basie to prove that Nationalist Chinese represent-

Moscow, April 25

Kirilenko has been the deouty
There are growing signs that to Mr Brezhnev, the party
the Soviet Communist Party's leader, while Mr Mazurov, who is only 62, has been regarded as a man with a big future.

Of the remaining Polithuro members, Mr Fyodor Kulakov, in charge of agriculture in the party Secretariat, though he plays little part in foreign decisions, has been buoyed up by recent successes

in his domain.
Mr Grigory Romanov, at 53 the youngest Politburo member, is still in Leningrad as the Chy's party chief, though his transfer to Moscow

and Mr Vaskii Sccherbitsky are Fence 'em in? Bring back the anchored to their respective the professional game itself? secretary of the Moscow City secret police, and Marshal Dmitry Ustinov the armed

members of the Secretarist.

How a 'sense of belonging' influences human behaviour

Getting to the root cause of delinquency

On assuming the post of Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Mr David McNee issued a statement of intent to do his best to make London a bester place for those who live there. They are entitled, he said, to expect to be able to walk the streets without fear of attack. But in return he asked parents to assume their full responsibility by controlling their children. Very good. But much more is needed than good intentions by the police and an appeal to parents. The appreciation of what is needed rests on the recognition of the victiment of the recognition of the ultimate causes of the ever-increasing rate of juvenile vandalism and juvenile crime.

The fact that anti-social behaviour by uveniles increases year by year indicates that the causes are not properly appre-ciated, and that we are merefore failing to apply an effective cure. What I am suggesting are starting points for approaches to the problem as seen from the angle of a medical scientist—an approach somewhat different from that of the sociologist, legislator, policeman

Juvenile anti-social behaviour vandalism break-ins, mugging, violence, hooliganism—were rare 30 years ago. Scientific logic leads to the question: What environmental factors affecting the development of personality have changed over the past 30 years?

One such factor is the parent-child relanumber of mothers who take up full-time employment. The absence of the seriously diminish the normal close affectionate contact between parent and child, as John Bowlby pointed our some time ago (Maternal Care in Mental Health, 1951; Attachment and Loss, 1969

and 1973). Parents may sense that they fail to give their children sufficient dime, sufficient love and a sufficient feeling of security, and they compensate this failure by spoiling the child with presents and by allowing them excess freedom. This is not what the child needs most. It needs disciplining of a kind which only a loving parent can provide because the a loving parent can provide because the child must sense that behind the disciplining there is the loving care of the parent. It is essential for the child's normal development that it is trained early to recognize firm limits as well as firm duties and challenging tasks. It is the loving perents' natural responsibility to instit this recognition of hadts and

If this influence is lacking the child

the limits to which it must go before it is restrained. Some children appear to find great pleasure in destructive activities, and if they are allowed to get away with it we get vandalism. Disciplining in this context means, of course instilling considerateness towards others, but beyond this the child derives a sense of beyond this the characteristic arrives as security and granification from living in a meaningful order. Professor Hinde in his book Biological Basis of Human Social Behaviour has discussed the subject on the basis of work on animals where the problems are analogous.

A second major change during the recent decades is the increase of "cultural deprivation". Education has become in-effectual for too many children. Not long ago the Prime Minister referred to the ago the Prime Minister referred to the deterioration in the teaching of the three Rs (to which a fourth R-religion—may be added). Those who do not read with ease and pleasure are deprived of the accumulated experience and wisdom of humanity. Those who do not know holy books are deprived of guidelines and yardsticks of conduct. Worse still, these olderablished educational influences are old-established educational influences are replaced by other, often unhelpful, if not corrupt, influences of the mass-media-Radio and television give semi-illiterate people information about crime and

violence.
Another source of cultural deprivation

Another source of cultural deprivation is rootlessness. Attracted by jubs people get uprooted and in their new communities they have no feeling of belonging, no pride in belonging and no links with the local society.

It is said that deprivation hes at the root of criminal behaviour. This is true but deprivation must not be understood only in its material sense. What offenders often lack is quality of character, "moral fibre", something which has to do with poor upbringing and poor education. The conduct of various groups of refugees conduct of various groups of refugees from political and recial persecution which the twentieth century has wirnessed brings home that very severe material deprivation and alienation, followed by treatment as second-class citizens in their host country, does not make people and social. Indeed very few refugees become offenders. They had quality of character and the determination and resilience to cope with difficulties and to rehabilitate themselves. The implication is that material help alone is not enough; what is needed, but difficult to provide, is more spiritual help, alming at establishing self-respect and building up character, matters normally much influenced by upbringing and school education.

The third post-war change concerns the handling of offenders which has become

increasingly inappropriate. The practice of not punishing them at all but merely telling them: "Please don't do it again" is proving unsatisfactory. Locking them up in overcrowded prisons where they are exposed to evil influences is equally unsatisfactory. The introduction of community service is a step in the right direction. Hopeful beginnings of novel

Unless we tackle the problems of juvenile asocial behaviour at its very roots we cannot cope with it. The best intentions of the police and an appeal to parents do not touch the deeper roots. Parents must be offered enlightenment about their educational responsibilities. School education

indicates a bankruptcy of the traditional approaches. Scientists experienced in the undogmatic and self-critical analysis of complex biological problems ought to be allowed to plead that they might be able

Professor Sir Hans Krebs

approaches based on active treatment of offenders have been reported recently from Holland and from West Germany, where movements are afoot to convert some of the traditional prisons into "psychotherapeutic hospitals", The efforts of the Industrial Training Research Unit of London University reported in The Times on December 8, 1976, ought to be men-tioned here. No doubt there are further environ-mental changes contributing to the rise in a social behaviour. The reference to

three major contributory factors is meant to bring home the multiplicity of the roots of misbehaviour. These three factors have something in common. In the child-parent relationship it is the parents' failure to give the young child what it needs—a sense of orderliness, firm and defined limits firm tasks and regrounshillings. sense of orderliness, firm and defined limits, firm tasks and responsibilities appropriate to his age; instead, the parents pamper the child by allowing him to please himself and by nor training him to do what he ought to do. Larer it is the failure of school education to prevent cultural deprivation by giving the child what it needs—a sense of orderliness, firm and defined limits, firm tasks and responsibilities appropriate to his age. Finally it is society's failure to give the Finally it is society's failure to give the citizen, through legislation, information and the judiciary guidance and help to lead a life of orderliness with firm and defined limits and firm casks and responsibilities.

and churches must play their part in pre-venting cultural deprivation and try to instil a sense of purpose and social responsibility. The ever-increasing juvenile delinquency

Growing violence on the terraces

The renewed wave of "soccer hooliganism" this season has revived public debate. Make parents responsible? Fence 'em in? Bring back the birch? Ban " soccer

Needless to say the fans remain as impervious as ever. They stick to their home ground, where team rivalry rules. Theirs is a world which has its own history, 110YS IC Andropov runs the KGB, the its own logic—a logic of violence which secret police, and Marshal could have frightening consequences for

Youth "ends" at football grounds did not spring up overnight. Even before the Second World War the bulk of the fanatical. sectarian supporters who stood together on the Liverpool "Kop", or who
massed behind the goals at Ibrox, Glasgow,
texded to be unemployed young workers.
In the middle sixties away match travellers with the successful Liverpool team,
together with their northern, Scots and

Irish contemporaries who had migrated south in search of work, brought with them rejuvenated versions of the paraphenalia of sectarian conflict. For example the popular graffiti Rules-OK, which

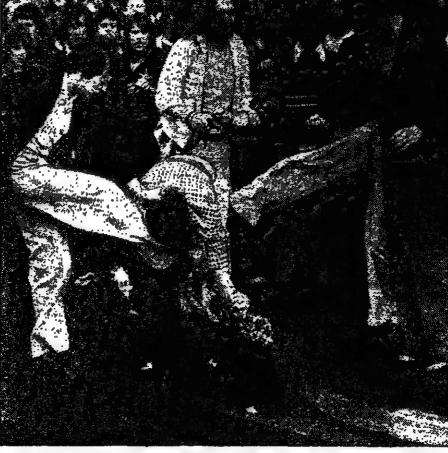
down the country, they also carried with them into the grounds their own tensions, created by the post-war changes in their own working class neighbourhoods. After the last war many inner city families went to settle in the suburbs, new towns and overspills. By the middle sixtles the first generations of ex-urban youth had started to negotiate the shortage of public amenities—dance halls, cinemas, sports stadia—that seemed to have been planned in to these new environments. Many youngsters strived to maintain links with the old neighbourhoods where they had lived as

At Arsenal for example, people from the immediate neighbourhood sometimes account for little more than half of the combined strength at the "end". For much of Arsenal's support lies scattered around the suburbs, while a certain proportion comes from outside London altogether, and the pattern of location and age recruirment to the Arsenal north bank tends to directly reflect post-war patterns of resettlement.

From Borehamwood to Swindon, from Basildon and Kidderminster to Uxbridge and Elstree—it is as if for these youngsters, the communal space they share on the north bank is a way of magically retrieving the sense of group solidarity and identification that once went along with living in a traditional working class neighbourhood.

Apart from local gangs, ex-urbans and provincials, small bands of youngsters are also recruited to the "ends" through the same informal networks that put the word around about a good pub or disco. lively scene is promised, filled with the challenge of new faces, including girls, many of them unattached. For the boys not only dominate whole sections of terracing, excluding the older soccer citizenry from this special "freedom of the ground", they also open this "freedom" up to groups which had previously been only second class soccer citizens—girls, and children, who form their own "little

"end" had its own complex hierarchy—from chant leaders and aggro merchants, to the "brains crew" (who plan battle tac-tics), and the "King of the Kop". Two hours before kick-off, "end" leaders and tics), and the "King of the Kop". Two hours before kick-off, "end" leaders and their lieutenants would gather in pubs near to their home grounds to lay field "the best fighters in the land" as they plans and assemble recruits. In particular " are of following a famous team.



the armoury would be compared and sharpened combs, to knuckledusters studded with broken razor blades.

Around these speciacular match day activities a whole underlife grew up, with everyday links in school playgrounds, factories, pubs, cafés and discorbeques. What is constantly being negotiated is the delicate system of territorial alliances that make up the "end" (not to mention "team ups" between rival "ends"). You belong to the North Bank, the Shed, the Loft or wherever, in so far as you demon-strate that the "end" belongs to you and not to a rival group. Hence all the violent rituals of territory; taking the rival "end", holding the home "end", going up against rival supporters inside and outside the ground.

Not surprisingly the eventual departure of senior members of the "ends to a kind of regression of age roles. One 17-year-old I spoke to referred contemptuously to "little hard nuts, watkin' around in a big group, with boots, acting like they're older, thinkin' they're hard". This is the essentially playful violence of schoolkids in a playground, but being taken out for real on rival supporters, while fantasies of dissociated violence replace the game itself as the main attraction. In addition the past few seasons have seen the rise of less territory-based, militaristic forms of terrace organizationmost notably the Stretford end.

This red-scarved mob who follow Manchester United, are drawn not only from Manchester and its locality but from all over the country. They are mainly unskilled or unemployed and migrant young workers, social misfits, and plain soccer fanatics. Away match visits, where they tend to cause the most trouble, are organized through the nationwide branches of the supporters club and more informal networks of young men in their

I first saw the Stretford in action in 1972, while working on a youth project in Islangton. Manchester United were due to play Arsenal, and a thousand United supporters marched from King's Cross Station to the stadium. On the way they broke windows, smashed up cars, threw rocks and swore at passers by. Scattered groups of local youth shouted defiance-from a safe distance. At the end of the day the Stretford had not only "taken" the North Bank, but the whole of North

The effect of visits like this was to reinforce United's support outside Manchester. If you are out of work, a school failure, with little to do and nowhere to go, there is great appeal in joining up in a supraiocal soccer army with national reputation.

The rise of the Streetford "end" heralds the growing nihilism of the youth soccer scene. The regular escalations of violence are now only tenuously linked to the pro-tocols of territory. Soccer itself is now the pretext, rather than the structuring

context of "aggro".

And of course hooliganism takes place against a background of rising unemployment among unskilled youth. One way this is cleverly being exploited by the extreme right is in attempts to infiltrate the "ends". Only an innate suspicion of "politics" of any kind remains an obstacle to recruitment.

Before any more remedies to the prob-lem of soccer hooliganism are proposed, it is worth considering that for many youths on the terraces images of violence and disorder have replaced dreams and hopes of making a better life. The recent Streetford "end" chant We Hate Humans is the best indication I can give of the present deranged mood of these young sters towards a society that had forced them to bear the brunt of a social and economic crisis not of their making. The author is co-author of a forthcoming book on working class youth cultures, to be published by Penguin.

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In the recent months the top political leadership—Mr Brezbnev, President Podgorny and Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister,—has been joined by Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minis-

demonstrating that when Chinese cuisine and tradition

are concerned, political dif-

It is recalled that Mao Tse-

tung, Chiang Kai-Shek, Chou En-Lai and Mr Teng Hsiao-

Ping, the former leader, shared a weakness for hot Szechwan

smoked duck which most expatriates in Hougkong also prefer to the rightly famed

upholds dismissal

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of Mr Alexander Dubcek, the

former party leader. Mr Mlyna rwas dismissed in Janu

ary from his job as an entomo-

logist at Prague's National Museum.

Today's ruling was the first concrete legal step taken against a Charter signatory. So

far police action and adminis

trative harassment of signa-tories have not officially been connected with the Charter

The court ruled that Mr

Miynar was lawfully dismissed

under the Czechoslovak labour

code for engaging in criminal activities. The district prosecu-

tor had described the Charter campaign as "an activity against society and the state".—Reuter.

Firing squad sentence

Manila, April 25.-A military

court today sentenced a soldier

to death by firing squad for

raping a 47-year-old widow two

years ago. The sentence will be reviewed by higher authority.

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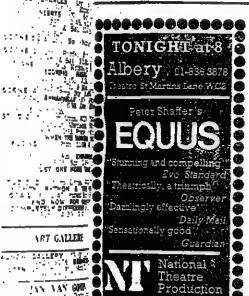
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Jack Smith at Newcastle

tation as one of the painters christened by David Sylvester the "Kitchen Sink" school. the "Kitchen Sink" school.
And it is a bit disappointing to find virtually no realist works of the early Fifties in the retrospective exhibition, Jack Smith. Painting and Drawings 1949-1975, now at the United Callery, Newsyld Inst. Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University. For although some of these pictures can be seen individually in public collections it would have been interesting to see how these and Smith's other, less mundane, early figurative paintings looked together with his later

Like another English painter, Victor Pasmore, Smith under-went a complete change of style from a figuration which had from a figuration which had brought him some success to a much more "difficult" abstract way of working. It is a process which many-and which many—and many younger—artists have gone through, although usually not in public but in the years between secondary school and their first exhibition. The transition most often rook place some time during their years at art college, like a compressed version of the struggle rowards abstraction of early twentienth-century pioneers like Mondrian, Kandinsky and Malevich, as if each time it has to be a per-sonal rediscovery.

To have gone through this process publicly must have been a disconcerting experience, involving a certain amount of mental anguish. Looking at Smith's list of exhibitions in the catalogue, though, there is no very noticeable hiarus. It includes two major shows at the Whirechapel Art Gallery in 1959 and 1971 and a show at the Marlborough in 1968 and most recently at the Redfern in 1975. Nevertheless it is probably true to say, as Alan Bowness does in the casalogue introduction, that "he now suffers from a relative neglect" which "has at least made it possible for him to go his own way without critics and dealers and collectors breathing down his neck asking that he repeat himself".

Smith's transition from figuration to abstraction was through a careful look at cubict ways of analysing the visual world, emerging into a "linguistic" hieroglyphic-like abstraction reminiscent of the last works of Kandinsky. The problems of the elaboration of a visual language are enormous and Smith has not avoided them; but neither has he entirely solved them. It is possible to walk through the galleries of the Hatton with the growing feeling that something important is being said, but there is no way of understanding what it is—like tuning in late at night to a radio station broadcasting in a language one does not understand.

In the paintings which Klee-and Kandiusky produced while working at the Beuhaus and in the years immediately after, there are many abstruct forms which seem to have an anthro-pomorphic or biomorphic life. With Klee these quite often appear as comic, cartoon-like creatures—too much so in some cases, so that the paintings can appear slight and a bit frivo-

Kandinsky was very careful to keep the forms still abstract, however; much they hinted at the forms of life, although humorous and ironic references abound in his vital spattering of little forms and shapes. With Smith the forms remain always abstract, and somewhat severe:

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A doctor's view of Edinburgh: Foliage on tomb, Greyfriars, by Dr Thomas Keith

you can't see them quite taking off into life. They lack that foothold on reality that Kandinsky gave. But Smith's most recent works seem to be working toward a more stripped and simpler language. One begins to sense the meaning coming through, like someoue speaking a foreign language more slowly and with cereful grammar.

The exhibition, which was organized and first shown at the Sunderland Arts Centre, is at Newcastle until May 18. It will be seen in the summer at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery and (selected works only) at Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, in the autumn. Also at Newcastle, the Side

Gallery is showing exhibitions of photographs by Eugene Atget, A Vision of Paris, and by the contemporary group of French photographers, Viva. Like many photographers in the first century of the medium's existence, Atget came to it late in life. He spent his early years as a secondrate touring actor. In 1899, when he was over 40 he devoted himself to painting, but very few of his paintings have survived. In order to support himself he took up photo-graphy, specializing in Parisian scenes and records of buildings. He was virtually unknown during his lifetime, although his work had been taken up by the Surrealists just before his death in 1927. The American photographer Berenice Abbott saw some of his pictures in Man Ray's studio and took as many

negatives as she could collect back to New York, where they are now in the Museum of Modern Art.
Atget worked with what was

I do not think it was only a period of absence from the Fes-

perion of absence from the resish the opening bers of the "Day-break" from Ravel's Daphnis et Chloe as played on Sunday by the New Philharmonia under Simon Rantle, No, the woodwind

playing really was delectably dewy and Mr Rattle did indeed

have the measure of the music

It was a pity, then, that his erformance should have

performance should have strayed from perfection as it went on. The long melody which rises with the sun was

made too warm and luscious, robbed of its inner strength, and the final dance of exalta-

tion became more the embodi-ment of wild abandon than a carefully crafted image of it. After all, Ravel said that he

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Paul Griffiths

tives by sunlight coming in through his window. In many of his photographs there are no people at all. He got up and worked very early when photographing buildings. When there are people it is most often a single figure, conscientiously and sympathetically posed, as in his series of pictures of Paris prostitutes commissioned by the painter Dignimont. His photographs are very sharp and clear and the light carefully chosen, nearly always early morning light. Buildings, artifacts, people, are carefully aligned and allowed to speak for themselves.

The seven contemporary French photographers who up Viva are skilful photojournalists working with the most modern equipment. There are usually a number of figures in all their pictures. What interests them is "social interaction" rather than the relationship of human beings to place. They are almost always competent, often arresting, but rarely offer very much more than that. Many of their pictures are over-crowded and ill-composed, possibly deliberately in an avoidance of the arty. Reviewing a new

using a revived pre-war format, Geoffrey Crawley, the editor of The British Journal of Photography, wrote recently of how "the young photographer of today "seems to find something sacrosanct about the awkward 3: 2 ratio negative size of the 35mm camera (based on Otto Barnack's doubling up of the standard movie format when designing the original Leicathen necessary because of the oven then cumbersome and old-fashioned equipment, a huge "This unwillingness to crop ventions of pa 18cm x 24cm bellows camera. Frequently gives their pictures do. The exh He contact-printed his negs- a cluttered look and the feel-

was viewing ancient Greece through the eyes of the French

classical painters. Perhaps it

would have been more honest

of him to admit that he was hearing his subject through the

ventions of painting than theirs do. The exhibition commues much enthusiasm. I would not, for instance, want to be subjected too often to the kind of volume he wrenched from the orchestra at the climax of

ing that one is faced with two

or even three pictures in one."
This is exactly true of the Viva
photographers. They would
probably counter by saying that

their pictures are composed in

the viewlinder and that this must not be altered in printing.

But the truth is that their

pictures are not usually com-

posed at all, but snatched in the moment. (Side Gallery, 9, Side. Newcastle upon Tyne,

Edinburgh too now has its

photographic gallery, Stills, in the Royal Mile (58 High Street)

recently opened by the Scottish

Photography Group. They are showing the work of Dr Thomas

Keith, an Edinburgh doctor who

to Atget, although he is not

quite in that class, using a vast 12 inch by 12 inch camera and the wax paper process. Keith too was virtually forgotten, un-

til discovered by another American photographer, Alvin

Langdon Coburn, at the turn of

the century. But since then he has once again almost dis-

specialized histories of photo-

graphy. The photographs of

Greyfriars Churchyard are out-

standing, with their stone skulls

glimmering out from behind

the dripping ivy. The subjects are often similar to those of

Hill and Adamson, but Keith rarely included figures. Al-

though he spent two years

studying art in Aberdeen be-

fore turning to medicine, his

photographs are more direct and owe much less to the con-

until May 8.

ears of Debussy and Satie, but Against that, there were times certainly his score is a long way from the Straussian opulence which Mr Rattle pressed on it, even in the glorious opening moments of his performance. when his textural finesse opened even this over-familiar score anew. His clear counter-points caused an awkward problem of coordination for a moment in "Jupiter", but other movements "Mercury" particu-In The Planets this gifted young conductor found a work hetter suited to his bold style.
"Mars" was done with a
hrutal martial attack, hideous
in its mindless determination, larly, were given a fresh and pleasing sparkle. Rarely bave I heard, or rather gradually ceased to hear, so protracted a close to "Neptune". and properly so. Alas, after this onslaught, peace stood little chance when the NPO violins converted the serenity of "Venus" into wailing

' Saturn "

in the concerto. Chopin's second. Mr Rattle could rest with the orchestral nothings of the accompaniment while Christina Ortiz gave a straightforward solo performance. Eschewing both poetic self-communing and virtuoso dazzle, she said all that was needed, and said it well.

twentieth-century piano litera-ture, and it makes a strong Pascal Rogé Queen Elizabeth Hall

agonv.

Max Harrison

Pascal Roge gave a pianistically brilliant though musically dis-jointed account of Schubert's Impromptu in F minor on Sunday afternoon, bur fully com-pensated by gerting close to the lyrical heart of the A flat Im-promptu. That made an apt prelude to the Sonata in G. the nost songful of Schubert's instrumental pieces, wherein each phrase was exquisitely propor-tioned yet led inexorably into

Two of Liszt's Petrarch Son-nets were thrown off in a marvellously warm and spontaneous manner, and Liszt's Sonata, also, was at first exhilarating in its virtuosity. Discontent with this ing parts of the structure and pulling the whole out of true.

At Wigmore Hall the previous evening Peter Jacobs could not offer comparable pianistic legerdemain, but presented a proquality suggests the present revival of this composer's music "Sussex to be fully justified. This is, revealed I believe, a major piece of Grainger.

appeal to the imagination through its rather unusual combination of intense sadness and a highly accomplished composi-

Mr Rattle, undismayed, led

his players through the rest of this astrological solar system

with drive and a keen ear for

detail, if occasionally with too

tional technique.

Extremely difficult to play, the Sonata's texture and harmonic language are elaborate, vet the concentrated, even elliptical, nature of its utterance derives from the acute disillusionment which the composer experienced in the aftermath of World War I. This oppressive atmosphere throws into relief the profound calm that lies at the centre of Schubert's Sonata, the more so as Mr Jacobs gave the Bridge the strongly felt per-formance it demands. Constant Lambert's Elegy

caught some of the reverberawas at first exhibitation of bridge's finale, a grint, virtuosity. Discontent with this haunted march, and this contacter grew, however, because Mr Roge took several passages much too fast, thereby telescop. Hymn-Tune Prelude. Mr Jacobs was excellent, too, in the amiable eccentricity of Percy Grainger's music, even if he did not bring quite enough zest to some items. Best was "Blithe Bells", an irreverently gramme of exceptional interest. wrong-noted version of Bach's It was dominated by Frank "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bridge's Sonata, a work whose well calculated to infuriate the pious, although the tender "Sussex Mummers' Carol" revealed another side of

Jubilee concerts at Wigmore Hall

The Wigmore Hall will present

five concerts in May and June for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The series, sponsored by Mappin & Webb Ltd, will open on May 25 with "The English Concert", directed by Trevor Pinnock. a programme of eighteenth century royal music. On June 1 Peter Pears and Osian Ellis will be heard in a programme to include Benjamin Britten's A Birthday Hansel, the first London public per-formance of the work commissioned by the Queen for the 75th birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. On June 9 Victoria de los Angeles and the Academy of Ancient Music, directed by Christopher Hogwood, offer a programme of music from the Courts of Queen Elizabeth 1 of England and King Philip II of Spain, and on June 25 Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, accompanied by Genffrey Parsons, gives a Schubert recital.

Iune 26 will bring a presentation of the coronation celebration, A Garland for the Oueen.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

La princesse de Navarre authentic style in every ele-Paul Overy | Covent Garden

Stanley Sadie

This year the English Bach Festival, which began on Sunday, concentrates its chief energies on eighteenth-century music— Bach, of course, and particu-larly Rameau—much of it played by a specialist early music ensembles (including the famous Concentus Musicus group, new to London, the festival still the most enterprising we have, started in characteristic fashion with the kind of crazy venture that only Miss Lalandi would dare attempt: a staging, in "authen-ic" style, of a Rameau dramatic work-apparently the first London staging of any Rameau work within anyone's memory.

Authenticity is an elusive pursuit. La princesse de Navarre, the chosen work, is comparable with Purcell's King Arthur, where the original music was entangled with a spoken drama now reckoned far beyond resurrection. Rameau's music is a comedic-ballet designed as a series of numbers and divertissements within a drama by Voltaire, written for performances at Versailles at the day whin's wedding celebrations in phin's wedding celebrations in 1745. Divorced from its context, the music's already slender dramatic motivation shrinks to nothing. Hearing it alone is like eating the icing off a cake. I have to admit, however, m

a sweet tooth, and am prepared to enjoy the music in isolation. The score may not be among Rameau's very best: he excels when dealing, as in his tragedies lpriques, with real people and large-scale emotion. But this more decorative music is still full of inventive, attractive, original things. There are the customary character-piece airs, for warriors. Graces airs, for warriors, Graces, Cupids and so on, nicely tailored to the feeling of the moment. Still more striking are the dances, where his ingenious nrchestration and subtle sense of rhythm have more scope. The score abounds in charming minuers and gavottes; the last act alone includes a noble chaconne, a minuet-like dance and chorus with delightfully deceptive shifting accents, a witty group of gavottes, a muscre with bagpipe and hurdy-gurdy, and rumbustious tambourins to end with.

La princess de Navarre is, in fact, more ballet than opera. This presentation, choreo-This presentation, choreo-graphed by Belinda Quirey and Michael Holmes, aims at

ment. That, as I said, is elu-vive: certainly it is impractical in a house the size of Covent Garden, with a smallish orches-tra of original instruments in that large pit, and essaying a chamber music style at that; with the chorus (doubtless for imperative economic reasons) also in the pit, and in timbre decidedly north of the channel; and with borrowed, though not inapt, sets. The costumes were reconstructions from contemreconstructions from contemporary drawings, and if they were not close enough to satisfy the specialist it was still nothing short of thrilling to see coming to life, such designs as one has seen before only in books too expensive to handle. For it did come to life. There

For it did come to life. There were moments, many of them, where the element stars each other fuller meaning by their interaction. Often, in the dances, a gesture relieved one sort of tension as the harmony resolved, relieving another; and the interplay of instrumenposture, costume and colour gave each individually greater force. The picture of the mannered, artificial society that gave rise to this art was more complete than I have previously seen it.

The dancers, if they could not always look at ease in their various postures and roles prancing warriors, elegant courtiers. Dresden-china rustics -moved well and springly and in pleasingly logical geometrical patterns. The instrumentalists (the EBF Baroque Orchestra) under lean-Claude Malgoire found good tempos and stylish rhythms though their playing was over-nuanced and the wind sometimes imperfectly tuned or inaudible. Clearly the performance had not been too much rehearsed, especially the last act. Among the numerous admirable singers, I would mention the soloist in the nightingale song—Christiane Issartel if I understood the ambiguous programme aright, but if I did not, my applicaies to the other two Graces, Marilyn Hill Smith and Sonia Nigoghossian, who anyway merit praise. That fine tenor, or haute contre, Bruce Brewer sang most gracefully too, but carried word-painting too far by causing confusion in the harmony at "Mélez vos sons harmonieux": and l-n Caddy proved a clean, rhythmic and direct baritone. A very worthwhile venture, then, in fact a revelation. The performance is to be repeated at Ver-sailles, Luxembourg and Gran-

King/Benson Wigmore Hall

for a brief few years between 1852 and 1857 recorded Edin-Joan Chissell burgh and its surroundings (and also St Andrews and Iona) with a directness close

Thea King is one of those clarinettists constantly encoun-tered in chamber ensembles and small orchestras but nowadays not often beard alone in London. So her recital with Clifford Benson on Sunday was welcome (the more so since the programme avoided over-trodden paths).

It was the third of the current Six of the Best series featuring British artists at Wigmore Hall, a hall incidentally steadily regaining the allure of its early days on the strength of the celebrities who sang its acoustical praises during last year's seventy-fifth anniversary activities.

Nothing put both through their paces more testingly than Weber's Grand Duo Concertant, inspired by the great Heinrich Barmann, yet just as much a virtuoso showpiece for the planist. The two scintillating outer movements, with their lightning shared scales in unison, thirds or sixths, came off as nearly as brilliantly, thanks to sturdily underpinned rhythm from both players.

Barenboim to the rescue | Traviata cast change Daniel Barenboim, a principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, will replace Bernard Haitink for the LPO's Festival Hall concert on LPO's Festival Hall concert on Covent Garden tomorrow Thursday. Mr Haitink has not yot recovered from a back ail-ment which caused him to have to cance) two concerts last week. Maurizio Pollini wil) remain as soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerta No 5.

sound like an endurance test. As a songster pure and simple, Miss King gave no less pleasure in the Galuppi Large (arranged by Janet Craxton) with which the recital opened. Never was her phrasing more beautifully tapered or her cantabile more richly oiled than Sonates by Arnold Cooke and Reger (No 3 in B flat) con-firmed the closeness of the two

staccato and legato to tell, so that always the music danced and smiled. Not once did it

players as a duo. Their finely matched tone and phrasing was really evident in the important, appealing little theme from Reger's first movement that returns to end the whole sonata, a work as thoroughly argued as snything by Brahms, though rarely as strongly characterized or in-dividual, and rather too long.

Cooke's less ambitious work was the more succinct and piquant. In both slow movements, and especially Cooke's nostalgic, even elegiac, Adagio ma non troppo, Miss King's tone on troppo, Miss King's tone could profitably have been more opulent. She excelled in the Schercos of both works with her intisive bite and tang.
On his own. Mr Benson played Beethoven's seven Bagatelles. Op. 33. without the

rhythm from both players.

Attractively light and airy that he brought to shared texture allowed contrasts of responsibilities.

Covent Garden tomorrow and on Saturday and May 4. The replacement for the remaining performances will be announced as soon as possible. Sylvia Sass made her debut at Covent Garden as Giselda in Verdi's I Lombardi last May.

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Matthews has his shot blocked by Burridge, the Aston Villa goalkeeper.

Arsenal trample faint title hopes

Arsenal gained ample revenge for their 5—1 defeat at Villa Park last October and probably brought to an end any faint hopes Aston Villa might have had of catching Liverpool. Without Gidman, Nicholl and Mordmer, the vistors was a part of the With the Company of the Nicholl and Mortimer, the visitors were always up against it. With Gray probably not fully fit and Cropley unable to find any sort of rhythm in middield, Arsenal had a surprisingly easy evening.

The pattern of the match soon emerged as Burridge rapidly became the busiest man on the field. He made four excellent saves in the first seven minutes as well as watching a shot from Nelson He made rour excellent saves in the first seven minutes as well as watching a shot from Nelson graze the crossbar. He showed bravely when diving at Macdonald's feet, but all this pressure had to pay off sooner or later, and the first goal, when it did come after 27 minutes, was straight out of the Malcolm Macdonald goal-scoring manual.

A long clearance by Young found the Arsenal centre forward speeding into the Villa half. He shrugged off the attentions of Charles Young and, as Burridge moved off his line, flicked the ball with the outside of that famous left foot and turned to receive the Crowd's congrantations, even before the ball had crossed the line. Three minutes

Asion Villa 0 second goal with an overhead flick to Matthews. His header found Stapleton, who in turn touched it back to Armstrong and a left foct shot from 13 yards gave Burridge no chance. Twelve minutes into the second half. Arsenal increased their lead half, Arsenal increased their lead with a spectacular goal by Nelson. Brady indulged in some wizardry on the right, passed to Armstrong, and he found Nelson some 30 yards out for the full back to strike a powerful left foot shot which again left Burridge clutching at thin air. With three minutes to go, it should have been 4—0 when Masefield handled just inside the penalty area, but Macdonald,

First division table



Though Arsenal made virtually Though Arsenal made virtually all the running, Villa did have chances; notably when Deehan headed over before Arsenal had scored, and when Rimmer did well to snother a Little effort just before the interval. Cowars muffed a great chance when put clear late in the game, but Arsenal were not flattered by their winning margin and, even allowing for the absentees, this was a disappointing Villa performance. It was only their third defeat in 17 league and cup games, but they will need to their third the cup games, but they will need to be at something approaching full strength if they are to find their

true form once more.
Cropley seemed to miss
Mortimer and the absence of Gidman, particularly, gave Armstrong and Brady the chance to shine. Arsenal's overall performance was much better than one has seen from them of late, and with five wins in their last six matches they are obviously back on course and could finish the season with a flourish.

ARSENAL: A Rimmer: P. Rico, R. Nelson, J. Maithews, D. O'Leary, W. Young, L. Brady and W. Restron: A. Hudson, M. Macdonald, F. Stapiston, G. Armatrons.

ASTON VILLA: J. Burridge: G. Smith, J. Robson, L. Phillipp, C. Young, D. Hughes : sub K. Ajsacfield: J. Deckin, E. Little, A. Oray, A. Groper, G. Cowans.

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First division

Coventry allay fears by ending depressing run

and the picture changes so rapidly that forecasts are dangerous. The only certainty is that there are a number of worried teams and this showed in a scrappy first

The game revived after half-time and Coventry's sparse crowd went home happy after Ferguson had sealed their victory with a goal seven minutes from the and, adding to Coop's first-half pea-alty. There were signs of hope for Coventry, especially in the spirited, if wayward running of

Coventry, especially in the spirited, if wayward, running of spirited, if wayward, running of Hurchison, who for once added finishing power to his dribbling. A swirling wind and a dusty pitch were hardly favourable omens and the two teams struggled to produce the type of convincing football which would establish their right to stay in the first division. Some of the most fluent early moves were those which Derby produced as they worked the ball cautiously back towards their own goalkeeper. There was a patthwork appearance about the teams, with Cartwright, for no apparent reason, wearing number five on his back and Daniel, a sturdy defender, playing number live on his back and Daniel, a sturdy defender, playing in Derby's attack.

In the absence of George and Hales through injury. Derby simply have no other forwards. Coop was soon cautoned after deliberately tringing Meetrs a and deliberately tripping Hector a yard outside the penalty area, but there were few threats of a goal in the first half. Moseley did well to turn a shot from Wallace over the bar and had to react quickly when

Coventry City 2 Derby County 0
Coventry City ended a depressing run of 13 matches without a steeply and almost caught him unprepared. McDonaid shot wide after a strong run and it was his victory when they beat Darby County at Highfield Road last might. In the process, they allayed their own fears of relegation and hauled Derby back into trouble. There are other games affecting the bottom of the table this week and the picture changes so rapidly Coop was not concerned with such issues as he sent Moseley the

wrong way.

After a flerce volley from Cartwright had flashed across the face of Derby's goal, the most inviting chance of the game fell to Daly when the inexperienced Sealey, who did well, falled to hold Hector's shot. Dely, needing to hit the ball first time, sent it over the bar. It was a miss which Derby were to regret, for they did not have any more such clear chances. Hector was cautioned for disput-ing an offside decision and the referee dismissed Derby appeals

for a pensity when James went down over Cakey's leg.

Derby's injury problems did not dampen their spirit, but Coventry were often dangerous, Moseley scrambling away a shot from Beck, blocking one from Engineers and scrambling away a shot from Beck, blocking one from Hutchison and seeing the same player noise narrowly after a weak punch. The goal which settled the game for Coventry attended the game for Coventry attended the game for Coventry attended through three tackles as he brought, the ball out of defence, found Cartwright and, at the end of it. Ferguson neatly headed in an excellent centre from Beck.

Coventry Centre from Beck.

Coventry Centre it Sealow; G. Oebey, R. McDonald, T. Yorath, L. Cartwright, M. Coop, J. Beck, T. Wallace, M. Ferguson, B. Powell, T. Mulchison.

Derry Country: G. Magney: Q.

DERRY COUNTY: G. Mapoley: Langan, R. Webste, G. Daily, McFarland, G. Todd, P. Daniej, Powell, K. Hector, A. Gemmil, James,

Referee: C. Thomas (Trouting).

Today's fixtures

Huddonsfield Town (7.30); Ruchdole v Tompav United (7.30); Buchdole v ETHHIAN LEAGUE (7.30); Barting v Harses; Bistop's Storiom of Optwich Hamlet, Legionsione v Hilchin Town; Slough Town; V Horst; Status Town; Bendon; Walthanstow Avonus v Siddin 18Wh V Horst Steeler Avenus v Hendon: Walthamstow Avenus v Wiscombe Wanderrs. ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Grays v Ches-hunt: Lewes v Egham: Leydon Wingate v Hounslow; Marlow v Ruishp Manor: Worthing v Redhill (6.39).

Place for Cumningham Laurie Cunningham's ambition to become the first black foot-baller to play for the senior England team moved a step closer when he was chosen in the under-ZL side to face Scotland at Bramall Lane tomorrow.

Golf Simons scores first win

In 42 years

New Orleans, April 25.—Two scores of 67, five under par, in the last two rounds gave lim Simons his first victory in four and a half years on the United for the part of the States golf circuit vesterday when he won the New Orleans Open by he won the New Orleans Open by three strokes.

Simons, 26. finished with a 15-under-par total of 273 to defeat the local favourite, Stan Lee. Tom Watson, the United States Masters champion, who led after the first two rounds, was third on 277 and Lou Graham and Bea Crenshaw fourth with 278.

Two rounds were necessary yesterday because of heavy rains on terday because of heavy rains on Thursday which delayed comple-tion of the opening round until

City Royals 22 Minnesota 1948 12 Teras Rangers 6: Boston Rod Sox 9. Toronto Blue Jays 0 MATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 6 St Louis Cardinals 3: San Francisco Giants 6. Montreal Expos 3: Chicago Clubs 7. Cincinnati Reds 1: Los Angoles Dodeers 16. Allanta Brayes 6: Houston Astros 9. San Diego Pariette 8.

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Snooker

Real Tennis

gains command By Our Real Tennis

Correspondent Geoffrey Dunnert, a former Cambridge University Blue who plays at Leamington, gained a creditable win in the amateur real creditable win in the amateur real tennis singles championship at Queen's Ciub yesterday. Having beaten two useful players in the qualifying competition Dunnett beat David Verney, an automatic acceptance, by 6–2, 6–5, 6–2 and now plays Alan Lovell for a place in the semi-final.

Verne the semi-inat.

Verney took some time to settle down but began to find his touch in the second set in which he led 4—2. His velver game had temporarily taken some of the bire out of Dunnert's more forceful and rugged play.

Dunnett reacted strongly, dealing heavily with Verney's service and hitting hard enough to make his scamper about the court. A chase better than a yard helped Dunnett to level at 4—4 and at 5—5 he beat better than two and then forced to the dedans. At set point he lay chase better than two and Verney failed to best in Dunnett was in command through-out the third set. John Ward made a tentative start against Jonathan Walsh, was

down 0-3 but took the next five games. Like "The mills of God" walsh who is an active and in-telligent player, to win 6-4, 6-1, 6-2. This affair took nearly two hours, demonstrating the length of the rallies and the amount of

Ice hockev 🕟 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley City loston Bruins 4, Philadelphia Figer

Hockey

Forceful Dunnett | Club pointer to improvement in Soviet Union[.]

By Sydney Friskin

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Dinamo (USSR) have qualified for the European club hockey championship to be held at Imperial College grounds, Harlington, from May 27 to 30.

Dinamo did so at the expense of Cardiff and Uppsala.

The presence of a club team from the Soviet Union in the European Cup is a pointer to the Improvement of the game in that improvement of the game in that country who, as hosts, have already qualified for the Olympic Games in Moscow (1980). Un-Games in Moscow (1980). Unfortunately for Dinamo, their first match in the European champion-

ship on May 27 will be playing against Schwarz-Weiss, of Cologne. In another group. Suboticanka (Yugoslavia) qualified, eliminating H. C. Ohen (Switzerland) and Rock Gunners Decca (Gibraltar). The winners here will meer Royal

Uccie (Belgium), last year's, runners up.
The elimination of Cardiff leaves three Brinsh sides, Southgate (holders). Nottingham and Edinburgh Civil Service in the European champtonship. In preparation for this event, Not-tingham are playing fraly at (5.0 pas).

pan).
Italy will also play England B at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre on Saturday and they have another fixture lined up the following day against Ladykillers. Italy themselves are preparing for their match against Wales in the qualifying round of the European qualifying round of the European championship (for nations) in Milan on May 14. Milan on May 14.

The under 21 sides of Wales and Scotland will play-off at Aberystwyth on May 7 and 8. The winner will qualify for the Junior Victorial Control of the Police of the Po

European championship at Folke-European championship at Folkestone from September 16 to 18.
RESULTS: Cardiff 5. Uppsala
(Sweden 0: Dinamo (L'SSR) 7.
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Stovold and an eager Sadiq leave D'Oliveira and Turner, linov the others nothing to do By John Woodcock inc his arm successfully and Tay- Sadiq has scored rame in Pakistan By Alan Cibana. By Alan Cibana.

Cricket Correspondent BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (3 pts) beat Somerset by eight wickets.

Somerset, without Brian Close who has a troublesome arm and Wisian Richards who was not back from the West Indies in time for Saturday's start, were put firmly In their place by Gloucestershire in the Benson and Hedges yester-day. Needing 166 to win Glouc-estershire made them in 49.2 overs and made them uncommonly well, considering how early in the season it is and how bleak the weather was.

These two sides, together with ancashire, Hampshire and Leicestershire, form perhaps the strongest of the Benson and Hedges groups. To have much chance of qualifying from it for the quarter-final round Gloucestershire and Somerset both needed to win, and Gloucestershire did so in a canter. Had they lost an early wicket they might not have done wicket they might not have done but Stovold was soon ful of confidence and Sadiq, who, like Zaheer, was playing for Pakistan in Jamaica less than a week ago, made him an eager partner. Their opening stand of 122 left the rest with nothing to do.

That Somerset (77 for four at the start of play vesterday) had the start of play yesterday.) had made even as many as 165 was due to a sixth wicket parmerskip of 61 in 18 overs between Kitchen

and Taylor. Burgess was run out early on, when kitchen sent him back, but kitchen was soon chanc-

lor played a couple of square drives that had us looking at the score card to make sure it was him. Once Kitchen was out Somerset were soon finished off, mostly by the greying Brain. Gloucestershire must be encour-

Gloucestersbire must be encouraged by Procter's fitness. He came charging in to bowl quite as of old, wimout a trace of last year's imp. He spent the winter taking wickers for Natal, whom he also captains. As captain, simultaneously, of a South African province and an English county, he has plenty to think about. Tony Brown, Procter's predecessor for Gloucestersbire is now their sec-Gloucestershire, is now their sec-retary. Grahame Parker, whom Brown succeeded, is busy interest-ing potential sponsors in the county's well-being. Since I was in Bristol last the ground has in Bristol last the ground has acquired two squash courts and three hard tennis courts. Things are moving there, and now their cricketers have started with a win. In support of their bowlers Somerser fielded well—but there was no real pace in their attack and the pitch was predictably slow (though not too slow for Stovold, Sadiq and finally Zaheer to make some fine strokes off the front some fine strokes off the front foot). Stovold is 26, a batsman/ wicketkeeper as distinct from a

wicketkeeper/batsman. As in the case of Roger Tolchard, who comes into the same category, it is fairer to judge Stovold as a cricketer by his batting than his wicket-keeping. This was a spirited, pug-tacious innings he played. Since he batted in England last.

Tom Cartwright . . . three for

Sadiq has scored runs in Pakistan, Australia, Fiji and the Caribbean. It took him wonderfully little time to adjust his timing to the Bristol pitch and his eyesight to the Eng-lish game. Sadio finished last sea-son by scoring 163 not our and 150 in the same match against Derbyshire (at Bristol) and 109 against Worcestershire in his next against to treatment in the first championship innings. There are certainly plenty of accomplished batsmen about—even if not enough of them are Englishmen.

C. Rose, b Darvey
W. Draning, c Foat, b
Shackleon
A Socombe, c and b Brain
Kitchen, c Siovoid, b
V. T. Barrees, my ow T. Bureas, run our
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T. Bureas, run
T. S. Taylor, 1-b-w, b B-ri
Breakwell, C. Darey, b Brain
H. Dreden, and out
Extras 11-b 8 w 2, a-b 3 Total (52.5 overs)

Total (52.5 evers) 160
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 3-41,
5-65, 5-77, 5-81, 6-135, 7155, 8-158, 9-158, 10-165,
BOWLING Proter, 9,5-5-21,-1;
Brills, 10-3-36, 4; Daver, 11-1Shackleton, 11-3-21-1;
Shackleton, 11-3-21-1; GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Sadiq Vohammad c Denniva b Eurgoss A. W. Storoid. b Dredge Zaheer Abbas. not or M. J. Frotter, not out Extras b 1. lb 10. w 3. nb 2. wks 49.2 overst FALL OF WICKETS: 1—122:

Surrey gain revenge for defeat by Kent

Surrey gained revenge for two Benson and Hedges defeats by Kent last season-one in the semi-Canterbury yesterday. Defeat left Kent with the consolation that they were beaten in the first quali-

they were beaten in the first qualifying match last summer, but went on to win the cup.

When play scarted 40 minutes late because of rain, Kent on 107 for four off 36.1 overs, needed 197 to win with Asif 44 not out. Asif, however, fell in Baker's first over, caught down the leg side by Skinner, who in the next over off Pocock dived forward and held at Skinner, who in the next over off Pocock dived forward and held at full length a chance from Rowe.

Tus left Kent 108 for six, but Shepherd (21) and Hills (34) defied Surrey. Rills led the revised bid with a spirited display and they added 54 off 10 overs to raise Kent's hopes. Then a throw from midwicker by Roope to the bowler's end ran out Hills and when Shepherd was bowled by Jackmen It was virtually all over. The Gold award went to Butcher for his 60 on Saturday.

Edgbaston

Tom Cartwright, making his debut for Giamorgan, helped them humiliate his former county. Warwicksbire, by 92 runs. He took warwicksmre, by 27 runs. He fook three for 25 in eight overs as War-wickshire flopped to 123 all out. Glamorgan's Saturday total of 114 for one dwindled to 172 for seven, before Ontong and Cordie added 43 for the eighth wicket. The last over of the indigs, from the England fast bowler, Willis, yielded 21 runs, including two sixes over long-on by Ontong. Warwickshire started disas-

Kent v Surrey AT CANTERBURY

Chelmsford.

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G. S. Cilnton, I-b-w, b Jackman J.A. P. E. Knott, I-b-w, b Arnold' Aasif lepal, c Skinner, b Baker A. C. E. Estham, c Baker, b Porock N. Biephord, b Jackman J. C. Rowe c. Skinner, Kanhal, b Cartwright
Humpage, b Cartwright
Henmings, b Ogtong
Bourne, b Lyons
Rouse, 1-b-w, b Cartwright
Brown, not out
D. Walls, c Nash, b Lyons
tree (1-b 3, w 3)

Total , 134.5, evers) FALL OF WILKES, 5-53, 4-60, 5-66, 5-94, 9-108, 10-123. BOWLING: Nash, 7-2-20-2; ordic. 7-3-11-0; Lyons, 10.5-sit-4; Cartwright, 20-25-3; ntong, 2-1-1-1.

Wessels, the brilliant 19-year-old South African, finished with 162 not out, his third century in a week, including 16 fours and

trously, losing Amiss, caught at short leg off the third ball from Nash, without a run on the board. After lunch, taken at 16 for one, they lost their remaining nine wickets for 107 in 95 minutes. Lyons took four for 61 and the gold award went to the Glamorgan captain, Alan Jones, for his 59, and for his general leadership of the side. Middlesex profit down

Essex completed their expected victory over Minor Counties East but in winning by 56 runs they did not have things all their own

Total (7 wkts)

. . 312 FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—140, —145, 4—146, 5—162, 6—163.

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Robinson | 1-bw | Gooch |
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Rancock | 1-bw | Boyce |
Rancock | 1-bw | Arfield |
O Moore | run out |
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BOWLING: Moseley, 8-3-11-0; Botham, 19-1-33-0; Burgest, 4rg -1-12-1; Dredge, 11-0-41-1; Jennings, 11-1-21-0;

Kepler Wessels, with Sussex needing six runs off the last ball for victory, hammered the ball from Richard Elms into the Pavilion at Hove, to complete a dramatic five wicket win over Hampshire in \$50-over match yesterday.

Wessels the brilliant 18-week.

Warwick v Glamorgan Essex v Minor Co East

BOWLING: Lever, 11—4—19—1: Terner, 10—4—8—4: Boyce, 11—2—2: Gooch, 11—2—40—1: Acrisid, 8.3—1—22—2; East, 3—0—12—0,

time. They play Wasps. Wimble-donians became an open club a few years ago and the captain of their seven, Munro, a prop, was not educated at the college but

teaches there now.

Nominally, it is Wimbledonland
second team. They took 14 players

along to the preliminary rounds at Thames Diction last Saturday, chose a couple of sevens on the spot, and it happened to be the second seven who, as they say, clicked. There were no special

preparations. They just turned up and played. It sounds a better, or

at least a more romantic way of going about the chore of qualify-

ing than training earnestly for a month in the hope of beating somebody like Richmond and then losing 25—0 in the first round.

Wessels hits third century

five sixes.

He reached his hundred in 118 minutes to add to his 168 not out against Kent in a similar limited over match last Tuesday and 106 against Nottinghamshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup, on Saturday. Wessels even managed to out-

shine his more illustrious country-man, Barry Richards, who hit 89, 76 in boundaries, in 60 minutes as Hampshire reached 247 for five off 45 overs.

Despite winning the county championship last year, Middle-sex's profit at £5,444 was £249 lower than in 1975 when they reached both one-day finals. This clearly illustrates the importance of success in limited over cricket for financial health in the modern

Today's cricket CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Loicestorshire, ONFORD: Oxford University v Wor

AT BIRMINGHAM

Clamorgan (3 pts) best Warwickshire Essa; (3 pts) best Minor Counties by 92 runs.

Walking up Parks Road on a damp, gloomy morning, I. was reminded of a similar morning in 1947 when I was accompanied by After Turner and D'Oliveira had put the innings on its feet, the fourth wicket—Turner's felt at 125, but by this time D'Oliveta was doing much what he liked with the bowling and the Oxford Edmund Dell. He was at that time a fervent communist, and explained to me that the only defect in the Russian system was that they had not yet appreciated the ameliorative effects of cricker fielding, very good in the earlier stages, was beginning to falter. upon the proletariat. He also bet me a pint that the Liberals would join the Conservatives within five years, and I have never had that sweeping rather casually at a bell from Marks which failed to men. Marks has many of the manners isms of Close, his county captain though not, as yet, many of his skills. He has, nevertheless, the makings of a fine cricketer, and the hall which got D'Oliveira out would have been well worthy of Close in the last few overs of a pint. Oxford were a notable side in those days, with a war-delayed influx of experienced players. They expected to win as many matches as they lost. The present Oxford side is a good one for its period. Ten Blues are in resi-dence, though three of them were

By Alan Gibson

OXFORD: Worcestershire, with five first tunings wickets in hand, lead Oxford University by 21 runs.

Walking up Parks Road on a damp, gloomy morning, I. was redamp, gloom

OXFORO: First Innings
Hond, I-b-w, b Cumbes
Caughton, I-b-w, b Cumbes
Marks, c and b Boyns
Clemonts, o Boyns
Strange, I-b-w, b Climbes
C Wells, c Turner, b nchmore R. Wingfield-Digby. c Wilcock

inheritance hard to bear.

period. Ten Blues are in residence, though three of them were not playing yesterday—Tavaré, Pathmanathan and Siviter—because other examiners than the Worcestershire bowlers will shortly confront them.

Nevertheless, Oxford have not done too badly so far. In the few hours of play possible on Saturday, they scored 80 for four wickets. They struggled slowly on, at just about a run as over; until lunch, faced with accurate seam bowling, especially from Cumbes, on a green wicket. An aggressive partnership for the eighth wicket enabled them to reach 158, a fair score in the circumstances, which looked even fairer when Worcestershire lost their first three wickets for 32.

But now D'Oliveira and Turner were together. Each of them had some difficulties with Gurr, who certainly continues to look one of the country's better fast bowling prospects. I hope that Marks will resist the temptation to bowi him too much. I loope also that Marks will instruct Further confirmation of promise from Gower

By Richard Streeton CAMBRIDGE : Cambridge University, with eight second innings wickers in hand, need 117 runs to woold an innings defeat against Leicestershire.

Splendid aggression from Davison who had 100 before lunch, further confirmation of promise from Gower and the steadying influence of Hingworth, were all seen in Leicestershire's batting here yesterday. On a day when clouds and sunshine vied with each other Coverdale for the second time in the match batted soundly when Cambridge University began their second inning. versity began their second innings after tea with a deficit of 183

Much of the power, quality and timing shown by Davison as he drave and pulled freely were worthy of a midsummer occasion rather than an opening game in April on a slow unresponsive Fenner's pitch. By his standards he has not, apparently, had a fruitful winter in Rhodesis but he looked in complete control as he? hit a six and 15 fours.

hit a six and 15 fours.

Davison came in when Baldersonne was caught in the covers in the day's second over after Leicestarshire resumed at 62 for 1. When he threw away his wicket against the last ball before limich he had made his 104 out of 152 scored while he was at the wicket. If aggression was the memory left by Davison, grace and ease was the mark of Gower's batting of the sort that made one batting of the sort that made one sorry he did not stay longer. Gower's 42 took only 50 minutes. He survived a confident lbw appeal early on against Ailbrook but later lifted the off-spin bowler effortlessly over long-off for a

Gower was out when he moved down the wicket and misjudged the flight. This was one of three stumping chances accepted by Coverdale, the best being when he took the ball low down and on the leg side to dismiss Clift. Hingworth, who gave difficult chances at 36 and 65, was quite happy to let Davison and Gower display their talents. He became

right.

If some of the Cambridge bowling was a shade wayward in line and length sarly on, it improved later. Forplewell, who has experience with Hampshire's second eleven and went to Bangladesh with McC at Chrismatime, looked the steadlest. Another freshoad, Ian Greig, an all-rounder with Natal and Tony Greig's brother, fielded athleheally and obtained some novement away from the bet even if his approach run of some 30 yards seemed accessively long.

All six of the Blues in residence yards seemed excessively long.

All six of the Educa in residence who appeared against Oxford last year are playing in this game and Hayes, a Blue in 1974 and 1975, is twelfth man. Of the other Cambridge players, Beaumont, a barsman, is a senior. Fosh is the Harrovian on the Essex staff who two years ago best Eton almost singlehanded and Howat, a rangy fast, howler, is from Abingdon School.

of a stay of almost three hours, before he was caught low down at cover point as Fosh dived to his

Total (3 with)

298, 8-301; Howat, 14-4; 1; 278, 8-30; Papplewell, 22-8-5; Familiar, 5-0, 30-0; Research, 2-1, 6-0, 7, 8-5, 8-0, 7, 8-5, 8-0, 7, 8-5, 8-0, 7, 8-0,

Imran decision on May 2

The future of Luran Khan, the Pakistan Test all-rounder, will be known after a meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board registration committee, at Lord's on

and representatives of Worcester

Monday, May 2.

The committee will consider a shire at the end of last season, confidential report from a three-man tribunai, headed by Judge

Miss Cooper shows choice

Anthes Cooper, 18, from Kent, howed great determination with a -6, 6-4 unexpected win over the seeded Corinne Molesworth in the lawn tennis tournanent, sponsored by Pernod, at Paidington yesterday.

is not misplaced

Miss Cooper, who recovered from 3—1 down in the final set, is a member of the LTA B party earmarked for special training under Paul Hutchins. Another squad member who did well was Clare Harrison, 1B, from Reigare, who beat Penny Moor, the Devon international, 6—1, 6—2. Miss Harrison used her heavy forehand to good purpose against an estabto good purpose against an estab-lished player struggling to regain her form after a knee operation

Miss Moor, who spends most of her time in the United States, has suffered a series of injuries over the past two years, first breaking a foot, then damaging her knee and now there has been the re-currence of that knee injury which caused her latest operation caused her latest operation. Linda Mottram was in good

form in beating Jane Preyer, an American playing her first British tournament. Miss Motivam won 6-2, 6-2, but many of the railies were long as the American kept

HP REAVY PRESSURE.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: D.

Beckler (US) beat C. Lene 6—4, 7—6;
S. Harley (NZ) beat P. Cohan 6—3,
4—5, 5—0; K. Hancock (Australia)
beat T. Smith 6—4, 6—1; G. Pearson
(Australia)
beat G. Trinder 7—5, 6—4; P.

Hampton (NZ) beat N. Pilgrim (Australia)
heat G. Trinder 7—5, 6—4; P.

Hampton (NZ) beat N. Pilgrim (Australia)
heat M. Puc (Canada) 6—2, 7—6; P.

C. Braun (Australia) beat T. Partridge
(Australia) 6—0, 6—2; G. Foog beat
P. Nielson (Canada) 6—2, 6—2; M.

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Rugby League Salford-Leeds

Total (31.1 overs)

match will not be replayed

The Rugby League executive committee decided yesterday that the Salford v Leeds match abandoned after 38 minutes because of the death of the Leeds half back, Sanderson, will be declared null and void.

This means that Leeds will not take part in the premiership knockout which starts next weekend. A League spokesman said the committee realized it was an exceptional decision but it had because the premiership had to start this weekend.

The committee felt that it would be insensitive to ask both reams to replay within 48 hours of the to replay within 46 hours of the tragic death of Christopher Sanderson. Leeds had requested that the two points be awarded to them but the committee felt this was not acceptable because only 38 minutes had been played. Leeds and Salford had accepted the committee's ruling.

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A plea for Sapporo Tokyo, April 25.—The Ski Asso-ciation of Japan said today that they had decided to ask for the in Sapporo, where they were staged in 1972. The association's directors made this decision unaulmously at a general meeting

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today.—Reuter.

Rugby Union

A romantic way to qualify for a sevens event

By Gordon Allan This is Old Reigztians' golden inbilee rugby season and they are relebrating it in style. At 15-a-side level they won 25 matches, a club record, and now, for the first time, they have reached the final stages of the Middlesex seven aside tournament at Twickenham next Saturday. They have been drawn against one of the guest teams, Leicester.

Reigate Grammar School have done well in the Rosslyn Park school sevens in recent years and won the open event last season Reigatians put down much of their own success to this fact. Three of the seven who have qualified for Twickenham played in the school seven last year: Brown at stand-off half, Johes at hooker, and

off half, jones at nooker, and Bates at prop.

The captain is Lambert, a centre, who has played for Surrey and teaches at the school. The remaining members of the seven are Hoolahan, an Oxford Blue, on the wing, Mayle, a former England coits scrum-half, and Shrimpton, the Athentical the other prop. . . Wimbledonians, the old boys of

losing 25—0 in the first round.

Two of the seven are making substantial journeys to play at Twickenham. Travers, the scrumhalf, is at St Luke's College, Exeter, and Ferelak, the other prop, is at Oxford University. All being well, the teams at Twickenham will be:

OLD REIGATIANS: R. Hoolshan, P. Lambert, N. Brown, R. Mayle, F. Shrimphon, S. Jones, M. Betes, OLD Wimble Hoonlands: T. Crons. O. Laundy, J. Harrison, S. Travers, R. Munto, T. Doste, P. Teresak. Wimbledon College, are also bound for Twickenham for the first

New Zealand lose Leslie

Leslie, the New Zealand Rugby Union captain, today ruled himself out as a candidate to lead the All Blacks against the touring British Lions this year by smooncing his retirement from international rugby.

Leslie, who has captained the All Blacks with distinction since 1974, said he wanted to devote more time to business, and would

Wellington, April 25.-Andy therefore confine his playing to therefore confine his playing to provincial and club competitions. The 32-year-old Leslie runs a menswear shop in Perone with a former New Zealand full back, Bob Scott. "I want to concentrate more on my work and I'm in a situation where I'm running the business now.", he explained. By the end of last season, Leslie had played 182 first-class matches including 33 for the All Riecks, eleven of them as captain.

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By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

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The provide it is still the intention appears to Longchamn news been Durai to Longchamp next sunday for the French 1,000 Guiness. The only surprising absence from yesterday's list of preceptors was Bessie Wallis, whom percept Hindley considers to be more of an Oaks prospect in any

ran Wollow to a length and a half in the Dewhurst Stakes and the one who filled Piggort with the In the Dewhurst Stakes and the one who filled Piggort with the liope that he would win last year's Derby, having just won the Craven Stakes. And that is precisely what Malinowski might have done had he not gone wrong, hecause Oats, the colt that he beat so emphatically in the Craven Stakes went on to finish third in the Derby.

Racing Correspondent
Anyone who has backed (fomlara to win the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Thursday will account and the following in the foreign of the following to the foreign of the following in the following the foreign of the following the foreign at the fillies classic but at the fillies at the fillies and the fillies at the fillies and the fillies stood their mand for this year's 1,000 intens at yesterday's four-day with stage, but Durtal who was we of them will only run if something happens to prevent the twoming from taking her chance.

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After all, this is the colt who filled Piggort with the the race as a whole.

Four-day acceptors 1,000 GUINEAS: Re Cary Closs-ra. Corlace, Cramond, Dam-ense loilt, Dural, Latry Hol. Floia marks, Freeze The Secret, Moo. rns, Lady Constance, Lady Lion, Vilsa inkie, Monda, Mrs. McAruy, Picatina, Iver Dano, Sanediki, Virgin.

old self in blinkers

Tachypous, Englund's main hope of repelling the foreign invaders in ponorrow's 2,000 Guiness, will definitely wear blinkers. Bruce Hobbs announced this decision yesterday after a consultation with the colt's owner, George Cambanis.

If Tachypous can reproduce on the racecourse the ability that saw him gallop away from those useful sprinters Gwent and Questa Notte, on the Limekilus last week, he might be the one horse in the field capable of matching The Aliostrel's powers of acceleration. Tachypous, which is Greek for fleet of foot, was an enigma last season. Although he finally redeemed his reputation in the autumn and carned himself a rating of 8st 12lb in the Free Handicap—Ilb behind The Minstrel—by capturing the Middle Park Stakes, it was a cluggish performance that puzzled Hobbs. On that occasion and again when beaten by He Loves Me in the Greenham this month, Tachypous was off the bridle for most of the race. It was only when galloped in bilinkers that Tachypous cheved race. It was only when galloped in blinkers that Tachypons showed the same zest that had thrilled the trainer in the colt's younger days.

with 8-1 spill on offer against Tachypous, it could be worth taking a chance.

At Nomingham today Hobbs could win the Forest Handicap with Acquirtal who will also be fitted with blinkers for the first time. At Ripon recently, Acquirtal was cantering over the winner, Prince Carl, two furlouss from home, but then threw in his hand. If blinkers have the desired effect, Acquittal could outpace the top weight. Don't Touch, and Sovereign Lane, who could be well handicapped with 7st 6th. Ringed Aureole E. Modern Times to overcome in the two-mile Langwith Handicap. Newmarket stables may also dominate a complex Flying Horse Maiden Stakes. I am giving another chance to Showhourd, wo got bogged down in the mud when third to King Flush at Newcastle.

Chepstow called off John Hughes, Clerk of the Course at Chepstow, said that after an inspection at 4.30 and heavy overnight rain, the stewards abandoned today's one day card necause of the dangerous water-logged ground.

The Minstrel has already shown STATE OF GOING 'officials: Newmarket: officed to firm. Nanthipham Good to firm. Pismaplou: Good to firm. Teenalde Parts: Firm. Tomogram Calteraik Bridge: Good to firm. Reiso Good to firm. Reiso Good to firm. Teenalde Firm. at Ascot that he has trained on and improved. But with the favourity top priced at 6-4 and

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

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205 21310-2 Swell Fellow (D) *Lord J. Chemonomous.** A. Kimbertey & 13324-1 Oats (C) *A. Oldrey **, P. Wolwys*, 2-5-3-5 A. Kimbertey & 25-5-5 A. Kimbe DIE: 335 PLAYBOY BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,960: 7f)

4.10 CHEVINGTON STAKES (2-y-o : £1,230 : 5f)

4.40 CULFORD STAKES (3-y-o : £2,004 : 13m)

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5.0 NEWMARKET WEIP (2m)

Newmarket selections

4.0 EASTWOOD HANDICAP (£916 : 6£)

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.9 Oscilight. 2.39 Mar Greig. 3.5 MALINOWSKI is specially recommended. 3.35 Abs. 4.10 Silver Lord. 4.40 Meadow Bridge.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 401 memod Mr Nice Guy Mrs I'. Toddd, E. Heavey, 6-0 . L. Piesett 6 2.0 Azucces. 2.30 King Crocsus. 3.5 Rheffissimo. 3.35 Abs. 4.10 42 12506-0 And Behold (Mrs D. Gnidstein), R. Akchurst, 8-25 Ladery 2 Custro Blamas. 4.40 Meadow Bridge.

4-1 Haberdasher, V-2 Zipoccoi-Doo-Dah, 5-1 Sculette, 6-1 Eriervanter, 13-2 Peter Cuiter, 10-1 Musical Place, Clear Maledy, 14-1 Red Lever, 20-1 others.

4.30 FLYING HORSE STAKES (3-y-o: £854: 14m)

Nottingham programme

CHEST 2.0 CINDERHULL FILLIES' STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £781; 5f) E. Johnson 14
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Nottingham selections By Our Racing Staff

2.0 Carnoch Walk. 2.30 Touchey. 3.0 Ringed Aureole. 3.30 Acquinal. 4.0 Musical Piece, 4.38 Showboard, By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 19p, 14p, 15p, C. Hill, at Bernstrole, Hd, 14l. Winner bought in for 975 gas. 2.50 (3.35) HODCOTT STAKES (3-5-6: 1748: 5f) (2-y-0: E748: 5ff e. br Divine Gill -- Game Came Came (R. Gole).

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303 Lord Blue, 6-11-3 Burke 7
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003 Parate Gold, 9-11-3 Stack
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004 Low Profile, 6-10-7 McCrule;
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3.0 MOTOR CLUB STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: 5641: 3m 31yd)

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pour Jarian Tuter, 10-10-6 .. Holmes
514 Cumbria, 7-10-2 ... Stark
600 Schonn Boy, 8-10-0 ... Deckman
045 Chartist, 9-10-0 ... O'Nell
11-8 Denchill, 5-4 Cumbria, 7-2
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Mural Crown, 8-11-8 Fauliner 3
Murton Jester, 11-11-8 ... Walen 7
Shannos Prince, 10-12 ... Burbek 7
Fred Lad, 8-11-8 ... Davice
The Radge Cadge, 7-11-8

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TEFSEDE SELECTIONS: 2.0. Brother Bruscho. 2.30. Trus Lawas, 8.0. Jumbris. 3.30. Basanullin. 4.0. Pog-lound, 4.30. Hopeful Bloom. PLUMPTOM SELECTIONS: 2.15, Auroleste. 2.55, Isolip. 5.15, Airy Fairy. 3.45, Adec Star. 4.15, King Chambian. 4.45, Mini Prince. 5.13, Hill Point.

Jockey change Christopher McNamee has been torstopper increase has been booked by the Lambourn trainer Taffy Salaman to ride Lady Constance in Thursday's 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket. The filly is a first classic runner for

TOIE: Win. cop: places. 200, 23p, 19s, 8. Hills, at Lamburn. 21, 22, 17th TOIE DOUBLE. Pasts and Boundless £12.5c. THERLE: Flying Opticing. Gray Buttons and Guff Spring. £106, 00.

Hexham NH

2.50: 1. Heavy Chartchills :4-1 R 227): 2. Reckle Lynn (6-1: 5. Equity (15-1: 17 par. 20: 1. Mindiago (11-8): 2. Shari gaga (3-15 Let): 3. Tockrib (25-1). 5.0: 1. Change (12.1): 2. Derburn 5 Rm. 5.50: 1. Change (12.1): 2. Derburn (10-1): 5. Ellerby Land (9-2). 19 20: Cardonach 7-2 fav. 3.0: 1. Jana Again (4-7 fav): 2. Meldrette (4-1): 3. The Timber (9-2).

Folkestone

1.45: 1. Helper (15-6 fav): 2. Rathlek (7-1): 3. Good Draw (10-1): 5. Fan, 2.15: 1. Vaj D'Anner (4-5 fav): 2. Montiour Engale (5-1): 5. Welth Beds (66-1). 7 ran. Darlington Charles, Kelly's Here, Paul's Boy, Watth Night and Black Outlook did

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Oueen's Bench Division

Singapore seeks to quash order discharging Mr Slater

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The Divisional Court began hearing an ex-parte application by the Government of the Republic of Singapore for leave to apply for an order of certiforari to quash the decision of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Mr K. J. P. Barraclough) on January 25 discharging James Derrick Slater from custody in relation to allegations of conspiracy to steal and to chear.

Air Royald Waterhouse, OC.

tions of conspiracy to steal and to cheat.

Air Ronald Waterhouse, QC, and Mr Alexander Irvine for the Singapore Government; Mr John Mathew, QC, and Mr D. Judor Price for Mr Slater.

Air Waterhouse said that when Mr Slater and Mr Richard Charles Tarling were before the magistrate there were six charges against each of them and additional charges against Mr Tarling. The magistrate dismissed the charges against Mr Slater in a brief, not to say abrupt, judgment and had ordered his discharge. He dismissed two charges against Mr Tarling but had committed him to prison to await return to Singapure on four charges in respect of which Mr Slater had been discharged. Mr Tarling was granted bail and would be applying to the court for habeas corpus under section 8 of the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1957.

The present application concerned only four common charges and raised the question whether the Divisional Court had jurisdiction to issue certiorari in respect of a magistrate's decision, to

the Divisional Court had jurisdiction to issue certiorari in respect of a magistrate's decision to acquit.

Lord Justice Shaw: It is rather like an appeal against an acquittal?

Mr Waterhouse disagreed. There was express provision for habeas corpus in the Act but no express provision dealing with the rights of a government seeking the return of a fugitive offender who was discharged. The remedy of certiorari lay. The present application was merely for leave to apply for the writ and was made ex parte, although counsel for hir Slater were present. If the present application was made as a series of the series of the present were present. Slater were present. If the pre-sent application were to be granted the case could be argued at length with all parties repre-sented on another occasion. Lord Justice Shaw asked

a magistrate had refused to make an order for committal and his penusal had been reviewed.

Mr Waterhouse said that it was tried by a foreign government in Atkinson v United States of America Government [1971] AC 1971. That was concerned with a case stated and related to section 87 of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952. The decision turned on the view that, before that Act, appeal by way of case stated was confined to a final decision. It had no application to committal proceedings and certiorari.

In any event, for the purposes of the Singapore Government, the magistrate's decision was a final decision of the English courts within that jurisdiction, and it was appropriate that the supervising jurisdiction of the Divisional Court should be exercised.

Mr Justice Stocker: If case stated does not lie why should certiorari—It is simply a different route?

Mr Waterhouse sald that the

Mr Waterhouse said that the House of Lords in Atkinson stated that it was settled practice before 1952 that case stated did not lie and the 1952 Act was a consolidating statute which did not effect any alteration. The Fugitive Offenders Act was not a consolidating statute and made a difference to the standard of

proof.

The question was whether the magistrate had acced within his jurisdiction and whemer there was an error of law on the face of the record. Certiorari would lie

the record. Certiorari would lie in such a case.

Haishary's Laws of England (vol 11, 4th ed, 1953, page 806, paragraph 1529) stated that certiorari did not lie to remove a decision of justices to commit or refuse to commit an accused for trial. Two Irish cases were cited as authority for that statement in a footnete. Those cases, however, had to be read against the background of R v Northumberland Compensation Appeal Tribunal. Ex parte Shaw [1952] 1 KB 338), which indicated that certiorari was not limited to want of jurisdiction. Once there was certiorari was not limited to want of jurisdiction. Once there was a speaking order it was amenable to the court's jurisdiction if there was an error of law.

That was reinforced by R v Chartsey Justices, Ex parte Franks ([1961].2 QB 132). Contemporary English authorities rather than the Irish cases clearly established that

There was sufficient finality about the decision for it to be a proper subject matter for certiorari. There was a speaking order of a kind considered in the Chertsey case, It followed from the Northumberland case that the absence of a statutory provision. expressly granting a right to apply for certiorari was irrelevant.

Nothing could be found in the cases to decide that, on such an application as the present, there was a significant or relevant difference between an accused in the constdry and a government. jeopardy and a government. Nothing in the Northumberland

when determining whether to grant or refuse certiorari.

The notes made by the magistrate's clerk of the judgment showed, it was submitted, that not only was there error on the face of the record but one which went to jurisdiction and that the magistrate was confused in that he was considering Singapore rather than English law.

The Canadian case of R v Botting (1966) DLR 2d 25) was a persuasive authority in support

Botting (1966) DLR 2d 25) was a persuasive authority in support of the Singapore Government's contention that certification was available in the circumstances. The absence of a precedent was a weak argument and not an argument at all if the principle was in favour of granting the application. In Australia it had been held in 1971 that certificate did not lie. in 1971 that certiorari did not lie

Mr Justice Stocker: Is there any case in which the situation has been considered where there has not been a committal and it is sought to challenge it by certiorari? Mr Waterhouse: I am not award

of any such case.

Lord Justice Shaw: There can be no precedent until there has been a decision. Mr Waterhouse had not com-pleted his submission when the hearing was adjourned. Solicitors: Charles Russell & Co; Clifford Turner.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Negotiations by trade body not enough

of the association has, for that reason alone, recognized the union. The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by the National Union of Gold, Silver and Allied Trades from a decision of a Birmingham industrial tribunal that the employers, Albury Bros Ltd., recognized the union and should have consulted them before dismissing three of their amployees. 330 BOWLING CLUB HURDLE

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Section 101(6) of the Employment Protection Act. 1975, provides: "Appropriate" trade union, in relation to an employee of any description, means an independent trade union recognized by his employer in respect of that description of employee." Section 99(1) provides: "An employer proposing to dismiss as redundant an employee of any description in respect of which an independent trade union is recognized by him shall consult representatives of that trade union about the dismissal in accordance with the following provisions of this section."

this section".

Mr S. D. Anderman for the union; Mr Robert Turner for the employers.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, reading the judgment of the Appeal Tribunal, said that the answer to the appeal depended on whether the union was at the material time the union was at the material time an "appropriate trade union". Manters which had to be considered for the purpose of determing whether an employer had recognized a trade union were summarized by the Appeal Tribured in TGWU v Dyer ([1977] IRLR 93). Five propositions had been established by that case and Notional Union of Tailors and Garment Workers v Charles Ingram & Co. Ltd. (February 21,

National Union of Gold, Silver and Allied Trades v Albury Bros Ltd

Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mr
M. J. Shanks and Mr R. Thomas

The fact that a trade association has negotiated with a union an agreement relating to terms and conditions of employment is not sufficient by itself to establish that an employer who is a member of the association has, for that union, and conditions of employment is not might be express or implied. (4) If it was said to be implied, the that an employer who is a member of the association has, for that uniquivocal, and (usually) inverses alone, recognized the union. volved a course of conduct over a period of time. (5) There might be partial recognition, recognition in certain respects but not in

to the question whether the agree-ment, express or implied, between the employer and the union must be legally enforceable in order to constitute recognition. In the court's judgment it did not need

court's judgment it did not need to.

It was submitted by the union that the employers had recognized it in three ways. First, for 30 years or thereabouts a trade association of which the employers were members had made a succession of agreements relating to terms and conditions of employment with the union. Secondly, whereas before May, 1976, none of the employees had joined any union, on May 5 eight employees, including those later dismissed for redundancy, joined the union. Thirdly, on May 7, and between them and May 28, correspondence and meetings took place fetween representatives of the employers and the union.

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hir Anderman submitted that those three matters taken together clearly indicated an established course of conduct by the employers as a result of which it could be said that they recognized the union.

The tribunal did not think that the mere fact that a trade association had negotiated with a union an agreement relating to teams and conditions of employment, atc., was by itself sufficient to establish that an employer who was a member of the association had, for that reason alone, recognitions.

where it was understood to postu employers for the purpose of negotisting terms and conditions of employment.

The problem must be resolved by recourse to the statutory definition, and not to the general understanding of those concerned in those matters; but the tribunal in those matters; but the tribunal did not think it irrelevant to take into consideration such understanding, and the tribunal was satisfied that no one experienced in the field would say of employers who had merely been party to an agreement through the medium of a trade association that they had thereby, and for that reason alone, recognized the union. To hold otherwise would have startling consequences. Accordingly, while the existence of an agreement as to terms and conditions of employment, etc., negotiated by a trade association on bobalf of employer members with the union was a matter of importance in determining whether a particular employer had recognized the union it was not by itself sufficient to establish that he had.

that he had.

The dismissals took place on May 28. The employers took no active part in the affairs of the association, or in the negotiation of the agreements, which they passively accepted. None of the employees was a member of the union until May 5. The meetings and correspondence which followed and preceded the dismissals on May 28 were no more than of an exploratory nature. Taking all those matters together and guided by the principles set out above, the tribunal did not think it could be said that the employers had recognized the employers had recognized union by the material date.

The appeal was dismissed. Solicitors: Cecil Angel & Co, Coventry; Lyon Clark & Co, Smethwick.

When dismissing a man on medical advice

East Lindsey District Council v
Daubney
Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mrs D.
Lancaster and Mr J. G. C. Milligan
[Judgment delivered April 20]
Although it was not the duty
of employers to review opinions
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The Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by employers, East Lindsey District Council, from a decision of a Lincoln industrial tribunal on November 18, 1975, that the employee, Mr George Edward Daubney, had been unfairly dismissed. The employers appealed on the grounds that the industrial tribunal had erred in finding that they ought to have inquired further into their medical advisers' decision and in holding that they ought to have given Mr Daubney the opportunity to seek an independent medical opinion.

Mr Richard Yorke, QC, and Mr Richard Swain for the council; Mr George Dobry, QC, and Mr Joseph Hatper for Mr Daubney.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, in a reserved judgment, said that Mr Daubney. MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, in a reserved judgment, said that Mr Daubney, who had been employed by the council as principal assistant (building) surveyor, was dismissed by a letter dated July 23, 1975. The letter stated that in the opinion of the district community physician, Dr R. D. Haigh, Mr Daubney's health was such that he could no longer carry out his duties and ought to be retired on the ground of Ill health.

Mr Daubney had been ill and absem from work for considerable periods. On June 27, -1975, the

There was no communication between any council representative and the employee between the receipt of Dr Haigh's letter and the letter of dismissal. No one from the council had seen any report by Dr O'Hagan. There was no suggestion that it had been explained to Mr Daubney that his meeting with Dr O'Hagan was for consideration of his future employment by the of his future employment by the council.

Mr Daubney's complaint before the industrial tributal was that the council had acted unfairly in dis-

the industrial irribunal was that the council had acted unfafrly in dismissing him on the ground of Ill health, especially in the manuer in which they had done so. The tribunal, in their reasons for finding that the dismissal was unfair, were cridical of the personnel director's letters to Dr Haigh on June 27. They took the view that the doctor was being invited to certify that Mr Daubney should be retired, whereas, in the industrial tribunal's opinion, neutral language ought to have been used.

The industrial tribunal bad found that the council ought to have made further inquiries of Dr Haigh in order to ascertain whether Dr O'Hagan had in fact examined Mr Daubney and, if so, what the prognosis was. They concluded that the manner of the dismissal was patently open to criticism, first, because the council had failed to obtain sufficient information; and secondty, because they had dismissed or to seek an independent medical opinion.

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The first of those reasons had crused alarm to the council for it had been interpreted as requiring employers in their position to undertake a medical assessment of their own and disentifying them from relying upon the opinion of their medical advisers. The Appeal absem from work for considerable periods. On June 27, -1975, the council's personnel director had asked Dr Haigh to indicate whether he felt that "his health was such that he should be retired on grounds of permanent ill health".

Dr Haigh asked Dr S. A. O'Hagan, of the Lincolnshire that it was not the function of their medical advisers. The Appeal Think it was not the function of employers or industrial tribunals to turn femselves into some sort of medical appeal tribunal to review the opinions and advice of medical advisers. The Appeal Trias a result of Dr O'Hagan's report, bunal considered that, on the

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advice.

It was important, therefore, that when seeking advice, employers should do so in terms suitably adjusted to the circumstances.

Merely to be told, as the council was that an employer was unfile. were, that an employee was unfit to carry out the duties of his post and should be retired on the ground of permanent ill health. was verging on the inadequate because the employer might well need more detailed information before being able to make a rational and informed decision whether to dismiss.

whether to dismiss.

None the less, it seemed that, on the whole, the industrial tribunal had required overmuch of the council when they said that the council should have demanded a detailed medical report and questioned Dr Haigh about it.

There had been several decisions of the Appeal Tribunal in which consideration had been given to what were the appropriate steps on consideration had been given to what were the appropriate steps an employer considering the dismiss i of an employee on the ground of ith health should take. The employee had to be consulted and the matter discussed with him. If employers took such steps as were sensible according to the circumstances to consult the employee and to inform themselves upon the true medical position, it would be found in practice that all that was necessary had been done. One necessary had been done. One thing was certain. If the employee

ming was certain. If the employee was not consulted an injustice might be done, Mr Daubney had never been consulted. His was precisely the kind of case where sensitive consuitation and discussion might have resulted in a solution. The appeal would be dismissed. would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Mr H. C. Wilkinson, Spilsby; Needham & James, Strat-ford-upon-Avon.

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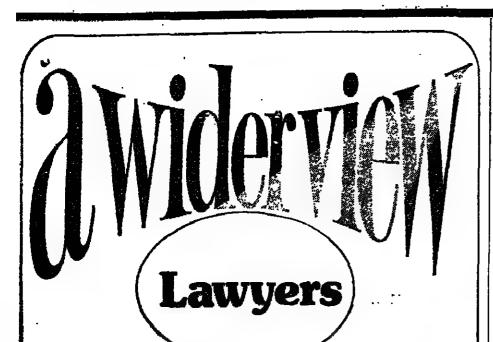
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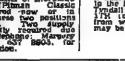
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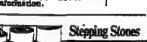
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"Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking ..." is the snigger-provoking clicke with which politicians begin their speeches in every satire. But in Spain, about to hold its firstdemocratic general elections in 41 years, there are many candidates who could truthfully say

Sr Santiago Carrillo, of the Spanish Communist Party (PCE), brought the fact home a recent news conference in Madrid when he was asked if he expected to run into any difficulties in hiring halls for

difficulties in hiring halls for political rallies. He replied: "I really don't know, I haven't hired one in 40 years".

Many modern political figures in Spain have done their share of speaking, but at clandestine meetings in private homes or other secret places, and paid dearly for it—like Sr Carlos Zayus, of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), who spent about two years in jail on political charges. There are many other charges. There are many other probable candidates who have also suffered for expressing an

Of course, there are some Spanish politicians who are quite accustomed to public speaking, like the former Intespeaking, like the former inte-rior Minister, Sr Manuel Fraga Iribarne, of Popular Alliance (AP). But Sr Fraga Iribarne now says things he would not have said publicly while Generalissimo Franco was

At a raily of his neo-Francoist coabition in Cordoba, he harangued, "corruption must be combated. I myself saw my political career come to a hait when I opposed corruption." He was obviously referring to the Matesa swindle, which was duly covered up after the dic-tator announced a pardon which rescued even some of his ministers from the danger of prosecution. Sr Frage, who was not implicated in the government credit scandal, lost his post as General Franco's Minister of Information and Tourism after he failed to stop the press from mentioning the £60m operation. In his Cordoba speech, the ex-minister and former ambassador to Britain did not explain why he had denounce that instance of cor-

Because the entrenched rich and the newly prosperous of Spain are conservative and concerned, and because the old regime's political machinery is still in working order in the rural regions which will have proportionately better numerical representation in the future Parliament than the big cities, Sr Fraga Inbarne and

aireadv bean legalized Those figures do not include tens of minute parties, mostly on the far left, which have not saked to be legalized.

At the other end of the scale the neo-fascist New Force (FN) party, several of whose members are either under arrest or being sought for questioning in connexion with recent political assassinations, could hardly be more tight-wing and Sr Fraga Iribarne's coalition, which was originally announced as a captre move-ment with the Democratic

ment with the Democracia Reform (RD) party as a nucleus, is so far right now that it easily embraces the leading philosopher of Spain's reactionary forces, the former Public Works Minister, Sr Gonzalo Fernández de la Mora, and is vying with Sr Blas Pinar's New Force party for the favour of the military. Near the middle of the polit-

near the modes of the political spectrum are a number of parties which up to now have been attracted by two political magnets, the Popular Party (PP), led by Sr Pio Cabanillas—whose strength derives partly from the fact that General Franco sacked him fears the rost of Minister. him from the post of Minister of Information for being too liberal—and the Christian Democrats, divided in leader-ship among the former Education Minister, Sr Joaquin Ruiz-Jimenez, a lawyer, José Maria Gil Robles (son and front-man for his father of the same

name), and others.
But Sr Cabamillas's organization is crumbling under pres-sure from another centre movement which appears to be manipulated from behind the scenes by the Premier Sr



The novelty of elections has so fanned the flame of ambition that 200 parties have applied for recognition

Adolfo Suárez. One of Sr Cabanillas's potential front-run-ners, the former Foreign Minister, Sr Jose Maria de Areilza, the Count of Motrico, left the cabanillas coalition, presumably under pressure from Sr Suárez.

The other magnet of the centre seems to be losing strength, too, with lukewarm socialists and various varieties of social democrats still adrift, and Sr Ruiz-Jimenez making pacts for a joint ticket with the PSOE in certain provinces. In the circumstances, what-ever strength the centrewhich has many philosophies and few programmes—could muster would be greatly accentuated by the active participa-tion of the Premier, but his participation would at the same time overshadow the images of other centre politi-

The well-organized Communist Party, small but highly publicity-conscious, is bending beckwards to show how well behaved it can be now that it is legal. There could be something symbolic could be something symbolic in the fact that the PCE is moving its main Madrid office from the Street of the Virgin of Dangers to the rather stodgy upper class Salamaoca borough, close to the head-quarters of the far-right New Force party. But neither the Communist Party nor the extreme right is expected to

seem to have the best chances of gaining office.

The novelty of elections has so fanced the flame of ambion in Spaniards' souls that ways, because they often seem about 200 political parties have to prefer to associate with applied for legal recognition, another regional party of dif-and more than 130 of them ferent political bue then with ferent political bue then with a Madrid-based party whose general political orientation is identical to their own. There are also other phenomena of nterest to students of political science, such as the Carlist Party, which manages to recon-cile Marxism, religious fervour and devotion to a strong monarchy. Its would-be ruler is king Juan Carlos's exiled cousin, Prince Carlos Hugo, who is the Pretender of a branch of the royal family which have several to the royal family which lost several wars of suc-

cession more than a century And, of course, there are the republicans, represented by the Spanish Democratic Republican Association (ARDE)—the initials in Spanish spell the word for "burn"— and others. They are now being persecuted as subversives, although one suspects the persecution is more the result of conservative pressure from the military pressure from the military establishment and the retrenched political police than

to any uneasiness on the part

The line-up would not be complete, however, without a memion of the "party" which it is to be hoped will not cast the deciding vote: the armed forces. Just how sensitive Spain's generals are to the pro-found changes taking place is found changes taking place is clear from their bitter demun-ciation of the Government's decision to legalize the Communist Party as "repulsive", and by the difficulty Sr Suarez had in finding another admiral to replace the Navy Minister

when he resigned in protest. Harry Debelius

Council for the Advancement of **Arab-British Understanding** (CAABU)

In The Times of January 4, 1977, an advertisement appeared containing part of an unpublished letter to the editor of The Guardian from Dr Abraham Marcus on the subject of CAABU. The advertisement reflected on the integrity of the "leading lights" of the council and specifically of Mr Christopher Mayhew.

It invited the conclusion that they are "deeply anti-semitic" and expressed the view that they supported a particular proposition, namely that Zionism is racist which Dr Marcus described as a Streicher-like invention ".

In view of representations made to him and in case the advertisement, appearing as it did on the main feature page, was taken to represent editorial opinion, the editor takes this opportunity of making it clear that he regards these criticisms as unfounded and he dissociates himself from them unreservedly. He accepts that CAABU, in pursuing its aim of fostering a better understanding among British people of the Arabs and their aspirations, is not motivated by anti-Semitism. He recognizes that Mr Mayhew himself has a long and distinguished record of opposition to anti-Semitism and of support and friendship for

The editor regrets the offence which the publication of the advertisement gave to those concerned in CAABU.

Bernard Levin

Let us give President Amin a welcome that will change his whole life

I think we are all about to make a potentially fatal mistake about President Amin, in addition to all the fatal mistakes made so far. (The fatality is, of course, literal rather than metaphorical, but since it has not so far applied, and is most unlikely to apply in the future, to the staff of the Foreign Office, or indeed the people of this country in general, it can be the more easily borne here.)

The mistake, ominously signalled by many an inspired leak and many a discrete country of Communication. by many an inspired leak and many a discreet sounding of Commonwealth governments, consists of the rapidly hardening intention to keep him out of Britain, despite the fact that, as a head of state, he is entitled to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in June. (Britain heads a feet dislocation relations

isters' Conference in June. (Britain has broken off diplomatic relations with Uganda; but that is not equivalent to expelling Uganda from the Commonwealth, an action which in any case could not be taken unilaterally by this country.)

For a government which officially welcomed Mr Chnoupek from Czechoslovakia, a government, moreover, representing a party which welcomed Mr Shelepin and Mr Ponomarov from the Soviet Union, this sudden access of fastidiousness has its comic side, though the other one is rather more prominent. (The comic side is not trough the other one is rather more prominent. (The comic side is not to be ignored, though, and if Amin does come here I am booking forward to Mr Clive Jenkins, Mr Ian Mikardo and Mr Len Murray ostentatiously refusing to meet a brutal dictator.) There is a case to be made for Amin's exclusion, on what might be termed hygienic grounds. He is not

merely a despot (what do you sup-pose all the other heads of one-party Commonwealth African governments are?), but a particularly vile murderer. Some of his victims, like Archbishop Luwum, have been prominent figures whose deaths have aroused very widespread feelings; but the list of Amin's unnamed corpses is now tens of thousands long, and his killers are still at work. Even the British Government, it is argued, must draw the line somewhere, and wherever such a line is drawn, surely Amin must be on the far side of it.

There is one small difficulty embedded in this argument, though I do not rest my case on it. If Amin is to be excluded, what reason will be given? It is no use making a moral gesture if you pretend while doing so that you are just scratching your ear or waying to a friend (It is your ear or waving to a friend. (It is probably no use making a moral gesture anyway, but that is another matter.) I remember the proposed visit to this country of Eva Peron in 1947; she was a considerable embarrassment to the Attlee Government, because as the wife of a head of state she could diplomatically insist on meeting the King and Queen, and some deft footwork was required to ensure that their Majesties, while not being advised by ministers to refuse being advised by ministers to refuse such a meeting, were (most regrettably) otherwise engaged, out of London, on essential monarchical business when the itchy-palmed tyrantess was due to be here. (Fortunately, she took the hint and didn't come; but Amin is hardly one to take hints.)

If the same attitude is displayed

were to be excluded on the ground that a serious outbreak of cattle-pest in Uganda made it unsafe for any Ugandan visitors to be admitted for a couple of months, or if, less sensationally, the Commonwealth Secretary were to announce that it had been decided that Amin's presence would be "inappropriate" "liable to misconstruction"-it would be altogether pointless; yet it is hard to envisage the British Government, let alone the whole Commonwealth, announcing that the reason is that Amin has simply murdered too many people. (Besides, how would the president of a state which includes Zanzibar sign such a communique with a straight face?) But there is a better way. Let us, with, if desired, appropriate expressions of distaste overcome by diplo-matic necessity, invite Amin like all the other Commonwealth leaders. When he is here, let us show him all the appropriate diplomatic courtesies; let the Queen stifle her personal feelings—it is her job to do so, after all—and entertain him along with the rest. When the conference is the conference in the conference is the conference in the co ference is over, let us invite him to stay on to see something of the country; he could have an official tour, inspect the troops at Sandhurst (perhaps escorted by that Galloping Major who seems to think that his ex-Sergeant is a splendid chappie, though perhaps inclined to be a bit headstrong these days), go to Ascor and Covent Garden, open a hydro-electric works in Scotland, pop back-stage at Ipi-Tombi. Nor is that all;

properly primed, our EEC partners should also invite him to see their countries, if only to discuss trade with Uganda and possible technical aid for its economy. It should not be difficult, by such or similar means, to keep Amin in Europe for a month, or even longer.

I am perfectly serious, and by now the reason for my modest proposal should be apparent. The condition of Uganda, bounded by fear, corruption, arbitrary rule and economic catastrophe, is desperate. Amin's vile rule is maintained by his random Stalinist cruelty. But the clue is in the word "random". As is shown by the defec-tion of such loyal servants of his regime as his personal pilot and the former Minister of Justice (to say nothing of the ridiculous Princess Elizabeth of Toro, who was not so long ago pleased to strut before the United Nations as Amin's envoy— I'm not sure she wasn't "Foreign Minister" for a time—and denounce Israel while praising Amin as "a straightforward; honest leader"), nobody in Uganda, however devoted to him or his regime, is safe from his mad vengeance, or can believe in any such safety.

In the circumstances, I believe that if Amin is kept out of Uganda for a sufficient length of time, so that his dreadful, hypnotic presence is removed, his regime will be over-Nkrumah, towards the end of his

own tyranny in Ghana, was almost as desponic and brutal as Amin, though on nothing like the same scale, and without Amin's obviously paranoiac

impulses: Moreover, he took care in keep the support of those with power unless he really thought they were plotting against him, and made ho such disastrous errors as Amin has in the indiscriminate nature of his tyranny. Yet when he went on his state visit to China he was greeted even as he descended the steps of the aeroplane, with the news that he was no longer dictator of Ghana, but

plain Mr Nkrumah of no fixed ab It is almost inconceivable that a similar fate would not overtake Amin whose position is far more precaring (and far more obviously so) than was Nkrumah's. But in view of the cower and crushed nature of the people he would be leaving behind him, time it needed for his overthrow to be organized. He has been out of Uganda several times already, but never for more than a week or two; a month in Europe should suffice—with luck,

If he is overthrown while here, it will pose a fresh problem for the will pose a fresh problem for the Government: what to do with the remains? But that problem, at any rate, has a clear and necessary solution. I am not exactly one for state vengeance or political trials; but any Ugandan Government which arose from the esses of Amin's rule, and which expressed a wish to have him back so that he could stand trial for his contract against the Heart. for his crimes against the Ugandan people, should have its request promptly acceded to by the British Government. "And presently call the rest of the watch together, and thank

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London's evening papers: two into one may go

They talk of the Evening Standard leaving a gap in London as though it were about to die. There is no question of that", Vere Harmsworth, chairman of Associated Newspapers, told me yesterday in the offices In which the new Daily Mail was planned six years ago, just before its merger with the Daily Sketch and releunch as a tabloid which has since won awards and sales.

"The Standard is no more about to die than the Evening News. A new paper is being born. It will have the best of both papers, and it will be produced by a combined staff, drawn from both papers.

"It will be very strong culturally and will be inspired by the Daily Mail, with its breadth of appeal. There will be wide City and business cover-age, plenty for women, good writers and political awareness, as regards both London and the whole nation. The Evening Standard is very much alive, but living things have to adapt to life and the facts of life." Vere Harmsworth sees

new paper as competitor for the Daily Mail, despite being in the same group. "A general the same group. "A general London newspaper is a national newspaper. People in Hendon don't care what happens in Haringey, and there are excelleut local weeklies to take care of regionalized local interests. happens in London is of national interest, and vice versa. We have the money and the will to support the new paper.
We are not buying it for purely
altruistic reasons, although
there is an element of that." That is a fact which cannot be denied, since it would be cheaper for the News to pick up Standard readers than to buy a paper whose continuing life in the impecunious Beaver-brook group is doubtful.

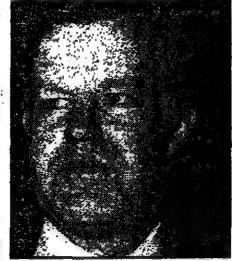
"Our jobs and our reputa-tion are at stake", Vera Harms-worth said. "We do not want to go on losing money and they cannot buy the News or sustain a new paner. But we are buy-ing the Standard because we want this new paper and we shall nurse it as we did the Mail which is now largely keeping the Evening News, although when the Mail went tabloid, the reverse was true."

After lengthy deliberation, the Think Tank have, according to

The Guardian yesterday, reached a conclusion which I







The men at the centre of the merger talks: from left Mr Maxwell Aitken, whose appointment as joint managing director of Beaverbrook Newspapers was announced last Friday; the Hon Vere Harmsworth; Mr Jocelyn Stevens, deputy chairman of

One might ask why the character of the News has not been changed before if it is to been changed before it it is to be changed now; why it has stayed as a middle-class suburban newspaper with East suburban newspaper with East which too often bleed away which too often bleed away especially where there

East End workers' newspaper; and the News for the suburbs." When Associated Newspapers bought The Star in 1960, it pushed the News into workingclass territory, and it took on many of The Star's characteristics, since when it has found it difficult to shed its hybrid

The emergence of the Standard with a positive West End and City character, during the 60s, tended to force the News even farther into retreat, into a different area all its own just to be distinguishable if not distinguished. It has cared about London and about culture, but be searching examination of it has never done it with the present systems and editions if same assurance and has never acquired the reputation of its

are immediate cost savinus in computerized composing and combined distribution and even reasonable production manning, more in joint production. The the paper will live and could

ministers falls within the responsibilities of the domestic

departments. Ministers of

Transport, Energy, Industry and the like go backwards and forwards to Brussels accom-

panied by specialized officials.

Why then, the review staff has been wondering, is it necessary to maintain a professional diplomatic service?"

And this is what I wrote:

When a Foreign Secretary

goes abroad nowadays he is in-

variably accompanied by offi-

cials from ministries relevant to

the concerns of the country he

is visiting. . . . It would be a much more efficient arrange-

ment if, say, a man from the Ministry of Agriculture, want-ing to talk about Polish eggs, were to get straight on the

phone to his opposite number

It occurs to me that the Think

Tank have spent over a year, at

public expense, reaching a con-

clusion to which I had already

come several years ago, without

anyone calling me exceedingly

abolition of rivalry will mean that some sanity can be brought

plex pay structures, there is a largely foreign readership for a Saturday paper among people who want only racing information in the morning and football results in the evening. Although there is obviously some overlap of readers between the daily and the Saturday, it is probably small, and six-day continuity is not considered essential by the hard core of evening news-paper readers in London. Thus the Saturday paper looks like

the new paper is to pay its way. Even when the paper finds its market, there will need to be the News-Standard will have continuing talks for cheaper financial advantages denied to production and new technology two separate journals. There to make it profitable with are immediate for the series of the se

be profitable within a year or tions, but there was some 18 months. Without such agree more, something indefit ments, profit is anything but

and could begin, "Once upon a time there were three newspapers: the Standard, a West End newspaper; The Star, an East End workers' newspaper: and the News for the suburbs."

selle to cut down on promotions which too often bleed away but that it did not happen seven or eight years ago—when I asked Vere Harmsworth why not, he shrugged a "you tell the News. The Saturday Evening News will almost certainly were close to rapprochement and the News for the suburbs." final signature and it cooled both sides so much that negotiations died. The famous hostility of the heads of the two groups, visited upon the sons by their fathers, has prevented talks until the current illness of Beaverbrook's flu-ances as much as of its figurehead, Sir Max Aitken. Anecdotes of the hostility, probably apocryphal, abound in Fleet Street—like the one about a meeting set for mid-Channel. Non-sailor

Vere Harmsworth kept the rendezvous. Sailor Max was becalmed and did not arrive. It is not enough to establish a new paper. The Mail-Sketch tabloid launch worked because the product was on target and money backed it. The Express tabloid launch in January was bedevilled by the Daily Mirror's success in a four-sided tabloid war with the Joe Haines revels-

more, something indefinable which led to its loss of some 143,000 copies daily last month while the Mail gained about 103,000 (es compared with March, 1976).

The Express looked good, read well, but did not win readers. The paper's personality has to hir human chords and did and as Associated hope the News/Standard will.

All through the 60s, second

evening papers in Britain's big cities had to merge with their rivals, ending in Glasgow at the back end of the decade when Beaverbrook sold the Evening Citizen to the enemy, Outram. The Loodon merger comes late, and Londoners have long enjoyed an expensive bonus. There is some bitterness among the Standard team because they produce a paper which will lose an estimated £2m this year, only half the News estimated loss. But the News parent has the money and is prepared to offer a dowry. The result should be more pages, more advertising, and a safer place on the streets of

Oddly, the late Lord Beaverbrook always coveted the Evening News, despising to brook some degree the third-place Evening Standard right up

until after the last war. He had for so many years chased the Daily Mail with the Daily Express, longing to overhad it but plways lagging despine lavish free gifts of life insurance and china (so much of the latter that he had to buy a pottery), as well as holding the price down to a halfpenny when the Mail went to a penny during the First World War. When Beaverbrook bought the Standard from Sir Edward Hulton, virtually on the latter's deathbed, he began to chase the News with the Standard.

He had to wait until 1933 to

He had to wait until 1933 to He had to wait until 1933 to bring the Express circulation up to 1,800,000 and see it pass the Mail. He never saw the Standard catch the News—even in the postwar 40s it sold about 760,000 compared with the News 1,500,000. Competition between the two groups has always been more intense than commercialism could dictate.

commercialism could dictare, and Lord Rothermere, the Mail's owner, long held shares in the Express in case it ever caught up, fust as he held on to Daily Mirror, and Surday. Pictorial shares until the 50s. Students of mergers will know one thing—the first an nouncement of a sale flusherout other serious contenders, and that could happen now, although the Standard has been buyer in this country or in America. But The Times was about to be merged with the Financial Times until Lord Thomson bought it from under the very noses of Lazards, the merchant bankers handling the deal, and gave it not only life but siso falling losses. Just as Thomson, thinking he had Odhams Press magazines under his belt, lost to what is now the International Publishing Cor-poration. Rupert Murdoch-rushed across the world for the News of the World, then saved The Sun from death, it a worse fate at the hands of other buyers. Those who have already

Beaverbrook group, can only fall as its misfortunes are aired and a final deal is delayed. Sheila Black

The Times Diary

So do we need the Think Tank?

years now. Inspired by "two
exceedingly clever young
women" among them, including one known as a "dark-eyed
evil genius", the Thinkers
advocate that the Foreign Office vital one is laughable and should be abolished. I last put forward this pro-I was struck by the similarity between the Think Tank's reasoning, as reported in The position in January of last year, just after it was announced that the exceedingly clever if evil young Thinkers were going to Compare these two extracts, first from The Guardian report, look at the workings of the most self-regarding of all the Government departments. "Do we need the Foreign Office?" on the subject of the EEC:
"Much of the business of the
Community and its council of

was the i-lunt headline to my item, which was a reworking of an article of had written in The Sun in the late 1960s. The reaction to my last year's article from old FO hands was much more pained and angry than had been the reaction to the earlier piece, which con-vinced me that this was an idea whose time was about to come. I am confirmed in this view by the reaction to the Think Tank investigation from a "high source" (does that refer to his status, or his condition at the time?) quoted in The Guar-dian: "The report will very likely be absurd."

On the evidence of that remark, the FO's sophisticated self-preservation mechanism, embracing the techniques of derision and pointed remarks about the evil in people's eyes, is already lumbering into action. It succeeded in taking the steam out of the Duncan Report in 1969, which came to a less extreme conclusion about the need for pruning in the diplomatic service. The FO diplomatic service. The FO clever or making remarks about philosophy on these matters is my eyes. Somebody now should quite simple; any suggestion start an inquiry into whether we that the job they do is not a need a Think Tank.

HARDINESSING CASH & CARRY

convenient than leaving it there and having to call back, was discovered by the Rev Peter Morris, of Gillingham, Kent.

Off days

The company chief who, as I

reported recently, complained me about an unsatisfactory meal in the pricy Rib Room restaurant at the Carlton Tower Hotel, where a cheeseburger without the chips cost an astonishing £4.25, has been mollified. He has declined an invitation to a free meal from the assistant general manager, but says he is now willing to go back and try again.

Others do not forgive so easily. One man who claims to have lived and dined in North the Far East has written to say that "the worst meel that I have ever had was at the Carlton Tower Hotel". The Carlton Tower Hotel". The foundation, a consortium food was so bad, he says, that the manager did not charge for it, explaining away the poor quality by revealing that "the chef was in a bad mood".

The foundation, a consortium of fishing tackle roakers and other bodies with an interest in angling gave BP their medal for its four platforms in the Forties Field, the submarine The managing director of a pipeline to Cruden Bay, the land

large public relations company says he recently lunched a Japanese guest in the Chekea Room at the hotel, and came away from a less than three-course meal for three with a bill of just under £40. "The find" he writes "was roomly food", he writes, "was poorly cooked and everything seemed to be swimming in butter"

At the end of the meal his party were presented with market research forms, and he was embarrassed to find that his Japanese guest, in filling out a section asking where he came from, was offered the choice of UK, USA, Europe, Middle East or "other", and was obliged to rick the last. "I was surprised at the quality and price of

restaurant", concludes the PR man, "because I have organized many functions in the hotel over the years, and have generally been satisfied at the quality of the service, food and prices. It was at least five years since I had been to the Chelsea Room and I don't care if it is another 25 before I go

Gushing

It was ironic that, as the Norwegians were grappling with potential environmental disaster at the Ekofisk oilfield, another North Sea operator should be picking up a gold medal for its anti-pollution measures. Senior staff of British Petroleum were at Fishmongers' America, the Middle East and Hall in London yesterday to receive the premier award of the Angling Foundation for keeping the sea and rivers clean.

Forth. The citation said gushingly that BP went well beyond the legal requirements ". Kenneth Marks, parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

at the Department of the Environment, presented the awards. His responsibility for oil slicks beginning oil slicks begins when they reach the shore, and he told my reporter that he alerted local authorities all along the east coast, lest the Ekofisk slick should come this, way, and had been finding out if enough dispersant chemical was ready to deal with it. It was. And BP make it.

Geoffrey Larminie, general manager of BP's environmental control centre and one of the team collecting the medat, thought the Ekofisk blowout was a failure of equipment or human error. But a major spill near British waters, the Torrey Canyon wreck, was that oil-dispersing chemicals were now about 1,000 times less toxic, Larminie claimed. He added that BP would be reviewing their safety procedures in the light of the accident.

Big red

P. H. Simpligessverk, my economics and energy correspondent,

Government technicians were working round the clock last night in an effort to stem a possible leak of gigantic pro-portion in Stage Three of the Pay policy. Although cold water direct from Whitehall is being poured on hopes of massive pay increases, there are growing fears of an explosion of unimaginable proportions, leading papers. There were to runaway inflation.
Denis "Red" Healey (so-

pipeline to the refinery at called because he was once in Grangemouth and its other the Communist Party) and installations in the Firth of Smarty Boots Callaghan, two of the world's most experienced troubleshooters, have been flown in to try to stem the flow. But working conditions on the site are appalling and hopes are not high.

the Standard could come back.

One thing is sure. The value of

the Standard, or of the entire

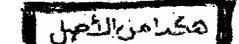
The two men's achievements in this field are legendary, not to say mythical. Less than a month ago, Healey was on tele-vision warning of just such a blow-out as that which now

The pair are a product of the old, rough school of British politics, belying the sleek image of the linoleum-floored offices their headquarcers in white hall. Though wealthy men, both are prepared to leave their lives of comfort and plunge into the dirty and dangerous business of

shop-floor bargaining. When I asked him what drives him, yesterday, daredevil Healey threw down his widebrimmed fedora and drawled: When it comes to the crunch, a man has to do what he has I have this kind of primal urge which drives me to

ever more daring feats." Later he made his first visit to one of the sites of the possible explosion in Scarborough. "It is not just a test of skill and sagacity", he said. "It is a test of our ability to meet the challenge of the modern world. It may be hell, but we have to carry on." Experts, however, remained sceptical, as usual.

In Conan Doyle's story, The Blue Carbuncle, written at the turn of the century, Sherlock Holmes gives a boy half a crown to insert advertisements in all the London evening news-



probably not enough to keep pace with our loss of competitiveness, with the result that our export

prices for manufacturers are now less competitive than at any time

since 1972, itself a high point of uncompetitiveness.

It is for this reason that the

Chancellor now predicts import-led stagnation rather than export-led

growth. He expects a decline in our share of world trade, an increased level of import penetration, rising unemployment and depressed

living standards. He is apparently

content to accept this, and expects the country to do likewise, on the ground that a stable pound will help reduce inflation and improve the

prospects of a new pay agreement.

It is true that if we allow North Sea oil to prop up the exchange rate, we might knock a point or two (no more) off the inflation

rate, but at the cost of terrible

damage to the competitiveness of

industry, to employment, invest-ment and living standards. Such a strategy might make some small sense if we were still, as so many

seem to believe, an economy which

imports raw materials and exports

THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE TUC

ac of art and design and account of account the British virtues foreign visitors place alongside the niceness of our policemen and the quaintness of our rural han architecture is the political neutrality and permanence of our Civil Service. Americans in particular find it hard to underi cal tell you at stay at their sid it will be of government.

Young to be tike so mar stand why our top administrators stay at their desks after a change

Young to look des Like so many well-polished images of national life, the political purity of our Civil Service is not quite as impeccable servants are crypto-socialists or Tory "sleepers". Yet, like any other group of professionals, Whitehall is far from monolithic in its views. Officials do need political antennae or some structivity if they are to serve their political masters adequately. But tivity if they are to serve molitical masters adequately. But should senior civil servants The stand Appliance of the standard of the sta hecome overtly political in the practising sense it would be noticeable? To most people the passing of a valuable and precarious feature of public life upheavals of political upheavals of political would be accentuated and the would be a matter for regret. The would be accentuated and candour of policy advice available to ministers diminished.

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Such fears are raised, though a mild form, by a decision of the in a mild form, by a decision the executive committee of the Association of First Division
Servants (FDA) to recommend
to the TUC. The FDA, Servants of the TUC. The FDA, affiliation to the TUC. The FDA, which represents 10,000 officials at the apex of the Whitehall pyramid, will debate the issue at is conference next month. The views of its membership will be To date, the FDA has been scrumught through a ballot in June. pulous in its consultations with political parties in an attempt to discover the likelihood of objections to TUC membership from ministers and would-be ministers.

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The Conservative Party, whose To the state of the section of the state of the state of the section of the state o present leadership has displayed a pronounced dislike of the corporate state in all its forms, is the main worry. Mr Gerry Flanagan, chairman of the FDA, has clarified beyond doubt his association's determination to let all concerned—the TUC, the Government and political parties -know that TUC membership will not be allowed to affect the political neutrality of the higher Civil Service. With commendable candour and realism, Mr Flanagan wrote in a letter to Mr Prior, Conservative spokesman Every incoming government on Employment: "While we may harbours the suspicion that its

be clear in our own minds about what is intended, it may or may not be quite so evident to the ministers we serve at present, to those who might hold office in the future or to the general public ". Nor can one be sure that Government-TUC relations will never again come to a funda-mental conflict. The situation of

1926 or 1974 could recur. Mr Prior's reply assured the FDA that TUC affiliation would not be seen by the Conservative Party as placing the independence and impartiality of the Civil Service at risk. He recalled that other public service unions had joined the TUC. The FDA and the Diplomatic Service Association are the only two Civil Service staff associations still outside the TUC, except for mem-bers of MI5 and MI6 who are not allowed to join a union at

The doubts persist. The FDA wrote privately to the 150 permanent secretaries and deputy secretaries within its membership to canvass the views of the men and women in most constant and sensitive contact with ministers. Few took their opposition to the point of threatened resignation. But a substantial pro-portion, probably about half, although details of the response have been kept secret, expressed reservations with varying degrees of intensity. Interestingly, however, those in most direct contact with the TUC at the Department of Employment and economic ministries like the Treasury showed themselves in favour of affiliation.

Privately the Conservative leadership is uneasy. It cannot be seen publicly showing suspicion towards the TUC. Mr Prior has turned his desire for all men and women of good will to participate in their unions' affairs into something of a clarion call. FDA membership is consistent with his desire for a more broadly based TUC. But senior Conservatives have not failed to notice that other avowedly politically neutral public service unions already within the TUC fold have refrained from dissociating themselves from the more partisan statements of the TUC through a public reaffirmation of their impartiality. Had they done so, FDA membership would be easier for the Tories to take.

permanent officials remain secret sympathizers of the outgoing rival. In 1951, Sir Winston Churchill's vivid phraseology depicted the Civil Service as "steeped in socialism" after six years of Mr Attlee. Whitehall refers to the first 18 months of a new government as the "mini-sterial learning curve". There is always tension as officials question the wisdom and value the promises and panaceas which gleam like false teeth in party manifestos", to borrow the memorable metaphor of Lord Rothschild.

Civil servants exist to put reality in front of ministers. It is the soul of their service. If ministers have an alibi, however unjustified, which allows them to brush aside unwelcome advice it is not just the Civil Service but the country that will be the loser. Higher civil servants do not need reminding that the crucial element in the public's judgment of the ability to govern of the next Conservative ministry will be its relations with the TUC.

The FDA should proceed with caution. It cannot be faulted on the propriety of its consultations with Mr Prior. But should its conference and the membership ballot endorse its executive decision, the FDA leadership should put implementation on ice. The time to do it would be two to three years into the next Conservative government when the Tory Cabinet's relation-ships with both the TUC and its official advisers is easier to discern.

Senior civil servants have seen their differentials shrink. Permanent and deputy secretaries had part of their pay award frozen by the Cabinet even before the present version of incomes policy began. But it is difficult to argue that would not have happened if the FDA had been within the TUC. A body of 10,000 will never carry much weight in the higher counsels of an organization of nearly 11 million and nothing will be easier than for the more fervent spirits in the TUC to dub it a "bosscs' union". Senior civil servants may feel hard done by and unfairly criticized of late. Much of the criticism has been trivial and misguided. But a decision at least to delay affiliation, involving an element of selfdenial and conspicuous constitutional virtue, would do the public image of the higher Civil Service no end of good.

THE LAW ON PRESS MONOPOLY

It has been sadly apparent for required to give his written con- trading profit—which might he some time that London is unable to support two competing evening papers. The circulation of both the Evening News and the Evening Standard has been falling steadily for some years, and with it their profitability. Although the News is in fact making greater losses than the Standard, under the deal now being worked out between their respective proprietors Associated Newspapers, which owns the Daily Mail and the Evening News, would buy the Evening Standard from Beaverbrook Newspapers with the intention, in effect, of creating one new London evening newspaper from the two existing ones. Newspaper mergers and takeovers are, rightly, treated with particular attention by the law. The public interest in a free and varied press is considered so important and sensitive a subject as to warrant the provision of special protection against the danger of молороly power in the news-Paper field.

Under section 58 of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, Mr Hattersley, is

own homes (supportive of family care where the elderly have families

to give it) should be maintained whatever else had to be pruned back. Indeed NCCOP considered

that it makes economic sense to

improve domiciliary care because of the pressures this could take off

other services such as hospitals or

ment with much of the argument

Care of old people

sent before any transfer of a newspaper to a proprietor whose own newspapers, together with the newspaper concerned in the transfer, have a total circulation of 500,000 copies can take place. That criterion is clearly met in the case of Associated Newspapers purchasing the Evening Standard. The Secretary of State is obliged, subject to some exceptions, not to give his consent without first having before him a report on the public interest aspect of the proposed transfer from the Monopolies Commission. One of those exceptions, provided by subsection (3) of section 58, permits him to give his consent without prior reference to the Commission, where he is "satisfied that the newspaper concerned in the transfer is not economic as a going concern and as a separate newspaper" and he is also satisfied either that, if the newspaper is to continue a separate existence, the case was one of urgency or that it was not intended to con-

tique as a separate newspaper. In spite of statements over the past few days that the Evening Standard was operating at a

given in the letters from Mr Peter Smith and Dr Apley published on April 19.

From Mr Hugh W. Mellor It must however be appreciated Sir, The headline to your news item about our annual report (April 20) that in areas like Greater Man-chester the audience for the IBA commercial station is large and growing. After only three years in operation Piccadilly Radio is heard regrettably misrepresented what the National Corporation for the Care of Old People is trying to say and perhaps I may be allowed to correct cach day by far more people than BBC Radio Manchester. These counted heads deserve consideration. I would also assure your readers that a lot of interest and t by stating very briefly what this is. The report recognized that a rigorous assessment of priorities in services for the elderly, as in public expenditure generally, is essential readers is taken in their pro-grammes and the extent to which Piccadilly really is involved with At the present time.

In discussing what these priorities should be, it expressed the view that services to the elderly in their

the local community.

Tom Jackson put the case well for both BBC and IBA in his Note of Dissent. He said inter alia "I beliars it is wrong to a said inter alia" I believe it is wrong to set up another Authority to deal with local broadcasting both Britain and broadcasting are in danger of having too many Authorities and not enough choice". I thought the "bigger is better" school had lost ground recently and feel both sorrow and anger at this resurrecsorrow and anger at this results tion. And what about the money? Those who read Annan at paragraph 14.26 may share my incredulity at the idea that part of the cost for the new LBA might be met by local authorities. Yours faithfully.

special housing, and because with increasing unemployment labour-intensive services have beneficial side effects. The provision of residential fromes for the aged was, contrary to your headline, very low on the list of priorities.

HUGH W MELLY OF HUGH W MELLOR Secretary, National Corporation for the Care of Old People, BERNARD CROSSLEY, Chairman, Manchester ILR Advisory Nuffield Lodge Regess's Park, NW1. Committee. The Manor House, Holcombe, Via Bury.

Local broadcasting From Mr. Bernard Crossley Garden or farm produce? Sir, Your recent correspondence about both broadcasting seems to From Miss Alice Coleman have been confined to the expression of alarm about the future of BBC Sir, Mr Senior has revived (letter April 15) the central fallacy of the old "garden controversy" by sidelocal radio in the light of the Annan proposals. I find myself in agreestepping the argument about food

unreliable indicator—its overall financial position appears to be parlous. It has lost in the region of £2m in the past year. There seems little prospect of recovery, though given the manning and technology now becoming normal in the United States the Evening Standard might perhaps have been returned to profitability.

It can be argued, therefore, and no doubt will be if the expected arrangements are finalized, that the conditions required by the Act for the Secretary of State to give his consent to the purchase without reference to the Monopolies Commission will have been met. The Evening Standard would be a newspaper not economic as a going concern and as a separate newspaper" and not intended to continue as a separate newspaper. Before giving his consent, however, the Secretary of State must genuinely satisfy himself that the exceptions apply. He would be doing the newspaper industry, and the reading public, a disservice if he were to act merely as a rubber stamp for

quantity in favour of a different

argument about the financial value

If vegetable prices exceed wheat

prices by a sufficient margin, it is clearly possible to build houses on a wheatfield, plant vegetables in the

gardens and produce food of higher value. But the amount of food pro-

had devoted the whole of the

ties would take a diametrically

The claim that garden food is a

bigger import saver than form food from the same site was made many

years ago and has subsequently been falsified by events. Most householders have not, in fact, devoted much of their gardens to food. Moreover, the food-saving cal-

culation neglected several important inputs. New settlement sterilizes more than its own site. It also

exerts pressure upon adjacent fields, lowering their productivity and

causing them to go idle. The idle land alone often exceeds the area

of the new settlement.
All these facts support the com-

monsense view that farmland should be conserved as a resource

for the future, and housing should

be located to upgrade those waste-land areas that Mr Senior would

like to condemn to a dead future.

(Director of the Second Land

Utilisation Survey of Britain),

Yours faithfully,

ALICE COLEMAN

University of London King's College,

original field to vegetables.

opposite view.

this or any other proposed deal.

the Soviet Government.

The arrest of the seven members

of the Group, headed by Professor Orlov, shows that the Soviet authorities have no intention of

Christian decline

From the Bishop of Norwich Sir, If the President of the Cambridge Humanist Society would peep over the top of his ivory tower he would discover that the numerically targest and most active student society in Cambridge is called "The Christian Union", and is celebrating its centenary this summer, following a University Mission in February,

when numbers were immense, and many found an intelligent faith in The trouble with the financial yardstick is that food prices may change for many reasons. Food shortages may increase prices, whereupon the garden protagon-Christ, while living in a scientific Christianity in decline ! ists would presumably exult over food of higher value", whereas Yours encouragingly, people concerned with food quanti-MAURICE NORVIC: The Bishop's House,

> From Mr John Beaumont Sir, Mr Gilmour (letters, April 21) implies that the religious view is

incompatible with the conclusions of modern science. It is true that nineteenth century materialism, with its conception of matter as capable of being seen and touched as the only test of reality,

was hostile to religion. If the claims made by materialism were valid, it could be deduced that religion was What modern science has done contrary to the opinion expressed

by Mr Gilmour, is to remove the grounds for this deduction. The foundation for the nineteenth century view has gone. Modern matter infinitely more attenuated and elusive. The scientific account of the universe is a selective one. The possibility of the reality of spiritual

values remains open.
This does not mean, of course, that modern science proves religion to be true; it only shows that the reasons which science gave for sup-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Bryan Gould, MP for Southampton, Test (Labour) manufactured goods, but nearly 60 per cent of our import bill is now manutacrured goods, but nearly 60 per cent of our import bill is now accounted for by manufactured goods. It would be the ultimate foolishness to hold up the exchange rate in the fond belief that we were thereby holding down industrial costs, when the real effect would be to appaling exports and Sir, Mr Wynne Godley's warning (April 19) of massive unemployment if the exchange rate is maintained at its present level is one further indication of just how rapidly the prospect of export-led would be to penalize exports and subsidize the very imports which are closing down British factories. Even the Government's immediate has receded over recent months.

There was a time not so long ago when the Chancellor believed that last year's fall in the value of the pound had made our exports unprecedentedly competitive and profitable and on the strength of this he confidently predicted that export-led growth was just around the corner. The Government has now belatedly recognized that sterling's fall did no more than, and probably not enough to, keep pace

Exchange rate and export prospects

by their present policies. In the absence of growth (and export-led growth is the only sort we are allowed), the Chancellor is forced to rely on depressing real wages in to rely on depressing real wages in order to make room for new investment. The tragedy is that the very policies which make this necessary but increasingly unlikely also ensure that the sacrifice will be in vain and that the essential investment will not take place. What industrialist worth his salt would invest in new export capacity with the Government committed to policies which mean that exports will be even less competitive and profitable than they

The Covernment's chances of securing a pay agreement, breaking out of our economic straitjacket, and winning the next election depend crucially on offering some light at the end of the tunnel in the form of rising living standards and falling unemployment. These prizes can only be secured through exportled growth but will be totally out of reach if the Government is unwilling to face unpalatable facts on the exchange rate. There is unfortunately little reason to hope that the Government will break decisively with a century-old policy of holding up the exchange rate at whatever cost to the real economy. Yours faithfully, BRYAN GOULD.

in their own country who do not comply with the conditions of the

boycom) one realizes how complex

and dangerous the ramifications of

In these circumstances it is surely

disgraceful, having regard to the interests of our own citizens, that

the Foreign Office agrees even to

Finally, Sir, you were wrong in the implications of your article of

April 15, in your discussion of the lady whose offer of a job with Gulf Oil was withdrawn upon her marriage to a Jew. You said that, "The law has been successfully invoked . . ." The lady in question appealed to the Page Paletions

appealed to the Race Relations

Board. The act creating the Board enjoins its officers to seek agree-

ment between the disputing parties

before any recourse to the courts. This being done, the lady settled

for compensation. She did not get her job back; the amount of com-

pensation was never disclosed; and

the contention that compliance with

the boycott is in breach of British

A year or two ago an article in The Times Business News called for

a Parliamentary select committee

of the boycott. The appointment of

such a committee is long overdue.

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law was never tried in court.

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PATRICK COSGRAVE.

Yours etc,

West

House of Commons. April 22.

the boycott have become.

witness boycott documents.

Arab trade boycott

From Dr Patrick Cosgrave Sir, May I comment on your recent articles by Mr Malcolm Rifkind and Mr Malcolm Brown, and on your own leading article (April 15)? All three discussed the nature and effect of the Arab boycort of Israel with considerable point; but contrived, none the less, to miss some-thing of significance.

A British company wishing to trade with an Arab country is required to saree to the terms of a hoycott form issued by that country, not by the boycott office in Damascus. I have before me as I write the boycott forms provided by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria. In each case the British company has to attest, not merely to the fact that it does not trade with Israel (a not unreasonable condition), not merely that it does not have Zionists on its board or in control of its affairs (a more questionable condition), but that It is not in the hands of lews.

In my submission any British company agreeing to the terms of these forms is in breach of our various race relations Acts. When ne realizes mai tries and the boycort office are trying to enforce the so-called tertiary boycott (i.e. a refusal to trade with companies in a third country who trade with companies

Soviet human rights From Mrs Lyudmila Alexeyeva and

others Sir, The Soviet authorities have arrested seven members of the Group to Promote the Observance of the Helsinki Agreement in the USSR. They are: Yuri Orlov (physicist, aged 52), Aleksandr Ginzburg (manager of the Solzhenitsyn Fund in Aid of Political Prisoners in the USSR, aged 40), Anatoliy Shcharansky (physicist, 29), Mikola Rudenko (writer, 55), Oleksa Tikhiy (teacher, 50), Zwiad Gamsakhurdiya (philologist) and Mirab Kostava (philologist).

The Group was formed last May to promote implementation of the humanitarian provisions of the Helsinki Agreement. It has distributed its material on violations of human rights in the USSR to the govern-ments of all countries signatory to the Helsinki Agreement, including

.66A Chelsea Square, SW3. fulfilling the Helsinki Agreement or of letting the Soviet public moni-tor their actions. They intend to use the arrested persons as hostages in their campaign against dissidents and in their negotiations with the

this Group we appeal to the public in those countries which subscribed to the Helsinki Agreement to press for the release of those arrested. Genuine security in the world is impossible without the observance human rights, and the violation of these rights in the USSR is a threat to the whole world.

The Soviet authorities are compelled to reckon with world public opinion, and if your readers give us their support the seven arrested Soviet hostages may be released. Yours faithfully, LYUDMILA ALEXEYEVA. ANDREY AMALRIK, VLADIMIR BUKOVSKY, Post Office Box 90, Bromley, Kent. April 19.

posing religion to be false were invalid, and that the scientific picture of the world is not all-

embracing. Yours faithfully, JOHN BEAUMONT, Senior Lecturer in Law. Leeds Polytechnic,

Vernon Road,

April 22. From the Rev M. E. Bennett Sir, Mr Gilmour, president of the Cambridge Humanists (April 21) in his careful search for the "basic reason" for what he imagines to be Christianity in decline, will no doubt be disturbed to learn that in

Africa in 1925 there were five million (institutionalized) Christians and in 1977 there are ninety million. Yours sincerely, M. E. BENNETT. Swindon Rectory, Cheltenham. Gloucestershire. April 22.

Abolition of the GLC. From Mr O. P. Stutchbury

Sir, Though all abolitionists will be delighted with, and grateful for George Hutchinson's support (column, April 23), speaking for myself, I would rather the GLC remain than see it replaced by a Ministry for London appointed by central government.

What we all need in this country is considerably less government. There is no earthly point in replacing a County Hall bureaucracy with a Whitehall bureaucracy. Yours faithfully,

OLIVER STUTCHBURY, Abolish the GLC Campaign, 51 Oakley Street, SW3.

Preserving hospital beds

From Sir Francis Avery Jones

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Sir, By their filibustering tactics in
the House of Commons, Mr George
Cunningham and Mr Arthur Lewis
(The Times, April 23) highlighted
not only the problem of the closed
beds at St Mark's Hospital bur also
the present serious difficulties
facing many London hospitals.

St Mark's is a small, highly
specialized hospital for diseases of
the colon and rectum, with an
international reputation, and at least
half of its inpatients come from
outside London. Unlike other London specialist hospitals, such as its
neighbour, Moorfields Eve Hospital,
St Mark's is funded locally by the
City and Hackney district and not
centrally. This district includes
some of the worst areas of inner
city decay and also one of London's
best known hospitals, "Bart's".
Following the recent regional redistribution of MICS funds this dis-Following the recent regional re-distribution of NHS funds this dis-

trict has had to close 250 acute beds, including 14 out of the 93 at St Mark's (saving £18,000 in three months—a small contribution to the half million deficit of the district). The problem is not due to overall NHS underfunding but to the acute. NHS underfunding, but to the new DHSS distribution policy. This year money is being taken away from the inner London areas and given to the outer parts of the London regions, such as Essex.

Bart's and St Mark's provide a considerable amount of highly specialized medical services for Essex and indeed for a wide area around London, Building up such specialized services in the home counties takes a long time, but money is now being moved ahead of manpower and resources. Bart's and St Mark's no longer bave the same ability to help Essex patients, and their own local population is also suffering.

Between London's City and West End and its gardened suburbs there is a dense depressing ring of urban decay. Only recently Mr P. Shore has given Government recognition. of the plight of such city zones and has promised help. Simultaneously the DHSS is weakening their medi cal services. Unhappily, by an administrative quirk, it is this inner city zone in London which is taking the full force of the DHSS reduced allocation. Brent in north west London has also lost 250 acute ds, again disproportionately large in relation both to population changes and to its severe social deprivation. This year its budget is being further reduced by a levy for Bedfordshire. The misery is indeed affecting London's

inner city ring.
There are simple solutions for these problems. (1) At a time of economic no-growth it does not make sense to attempt to build up expensive specialist services in the tome counties, when all the help needed is available near the main London railway stations. Free travel vouchers would be a sensible interim solution. (2) The DHSS and the Department of the Environment should harmonize their plans. (3) All specialist hospitals making national contributions to the NHS should be centrally funded. Yours faithfully,

F. AVERY JONES, Chairman, Medical Committee, Sr Mark's Hospital, City Road, EC1. April 25.

From Professor M. J. S. Langman and Professor E. M. Symonds Sir, The publication of the Department of Health's resource allocation working party report which recommended a redistribution of resources so as to allow the underprivileged regions such as our own to catch up financially will have given the impression that there will be a speedy end to such unjustifiable inequalities. The impression is wrong. The Department initially suggested that growth in underprivileged regions could be as much as plus 5 per cent compared with Sir, The publication of the Departas plus 5 per cent compared with minus 1 per cent (or contraction) for the well endowed metropolitan regions. This position has since been modified so that the proposals are that the least in need will gain per cent and the most in need

per cent. The twelvefold difference in addirional funds seems large, but the actual sums of money involved are in fact small when related to the starting base. Furthermore, the amounts which are to be received under the revised proposals are con-siderably less than those which the Trent region would have received f the Resource Allocation Working Party had never reported.

The region has had and still has a large building programme and in 1977-78 this would have attracted some £12.6m in funding as a revenue consequence. Under the revised working party proposals we shall in fact receive only £8.4m and this sum is to include fundamented by the same translated fundamented in the same translated fundamented fundame is to include funds needed to sup-port an expansion of medical student teaching as well as to open new and long-needed buildings, and to carry out any other development of existing services.

As matters stand we are asked to mount the most ambitious student expansion programme in the United Kingdom, starting from a basis of the second lowest average funding in the country with the lowest proportion, of consultants in the country, and where the consultant expansion itself is not expected to reach the current national average until between 1985 and 1990. If anyone thinks that these trends are over emphasized they may care to enquire about the fate of the late R. H. S. Crossman's proposals for equalization in the late 1960s (and subsequently dropped). The pressures against redressing inequalities are indeed formidable. Yours faithfully,

M. J. S. LANGMAN, Professor of Therapeutics.
E. M. SYMONDS,
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. University of Nottingham, Nottingham.

are dozens of other offshore and

North Sea precautions From Mr David Laurent Giles

Sir, Disasters of the magnitude of Sir, Disasters of the magnitude of Ekofisk seem necessary to persuade us of the need for reasonable num-bers of fast vessels fitted with fire fighting and detergent or other dis-persal equipment, which can be on the scene anywhere within our off-shore oil fields within a maximum of about three hours following such a catastrophe.

a catastropae.

The early arrival of such "first aid" vessels is essential in order to provent fire or contain the spill within manageable proportions before the arrival of slower, heavier ships to lay floating booms and use suction equipment or sea skimmers. Such smaller vessels need not present a great expense, since there

IISAETY protection duties which increasingly, require to be done and which require similar characterisvaluable "dissuasive" Naval role.

It is, finally, depressing to consider that—if a similar blow out had occurred last Saturday in the Niniau field—it seems that the nearest fire fighting ship available would have been the Phillips-owned Seaway Falcon" which was (fortunately as it turned out) standing by in Elosiek Is would have been by in Ekofisk. It would have taken about 18 hours for that vessel to have steamed to Ninian—with what consequences one shudders to conremplate Yours faithfully.

DAVID LAURENT GILES. 24 Seymour Road, SW18.

Mebyon Kernow From Dr James Whetter

Sir, Contrary to Mr Philip Sharp's view (April 16), canvassing activities by our party, which is contesting

at least two seats in the next general election, show that there is an increasing interest in Cornish nationalism. Like a lot of areas which have their own individual history and cultural identity, there appears to be a growing awareness of the need to preserve this know-ledge of their roots in the face of the sterile and neutralizing material that is poured out by the mass media. Also, like several peripheral areas with high unemployment,

there is concern about economic mismanagement by a distant, central government. People are concerned about the economic exploitation of areas in Cornwall by absence landlords, whether this takes the form of large estates like those of the Prince of Wales or of houses, flats and shops which, owned by people outside Corpwall, are used solely in the tourist season. Yours faithfully,

JAMES WHETTER Prospective Cornish Nationalist Candidate for Truro, Trelispen, Gorran. Sr Austell,

April 16.

April 22.

Accused in the dock From Mr J. Field Evans, QC

Sir, According to a report in The Times today a working party of the Howard League for Penal Reform proposes that defendants in the Crown Court other than those who pose a security risk, should no longer be required to occupy the dock during their trial but should be seated at a table or desk.
I have some experience of defead-

ing people in the Crown Court; I devoutly hope that this proposal is: NOT put into effect. By present practice all accused

persons appear, in the dock when charged and that is where jurors expect to see them, whoever they are and whatever they are said to have done. There most defendants remain seated throughout their trial. They often leave the dock at adjournments of the court in the absence of the jury. The jury is concerned only with the evidence and not with administrative arrangements (eg bail) or the reasons for

Some considerate judges in appropriate cases allow the defen-dant to sit at some suitable place in court outside the dock throughnut the trial. One enlightened recorder in the Midlands frequently does so in driving and shoplifting cases. He makes his decision knowing from reports before him something of the defendant's character and having read the statements of the witnesses about the offence charged—matters unknown to the jury. But these cases are exceptions to the rule: no prejudice is suf-fered by the defendant under the present practice.

Introduce the proposal of the working party however and jurors will expect to see the defendant at his desk. Then if he occupies the dock jurors will know that " (who have access to information like previous convictions, other pending charges, general reputation, material unknown to the jury) consider he poses a security risk. Then a defendant would truly be prejudiced in the eyes of the jury by being placed in the dock. Worst of all if the were known to be the judge's it were known to be the judge's decision that this exceptional defendant had to sit in the dock.

"He knows more about him than we do . . .". Yours faithfully, JOHN FIELD EVANS, Fountain Court, Steelhouse Lane,

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Civil servants From Mr J. N. F. Davemport Sir, Your photograph in yesterday's paper (April 21) of civil servents ar work on an irrigation project in Laos shows that the profession is the same all over the world. Of the 150 or so people in the photograph, only two appear to be doing any work. The rest are leaning on their shovels, surveying the scene, or perhaps discussing the next move Perhaps the photographer caught, them waiting for a tea break? JOHN DAVENPORT, 261 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey. April 22.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 25: Mr Henry Laing had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Gold). Mr George Branscombe and Mr Donald Humphries had the honour of being received by The Queen

when Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver). (Silver).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Twelfth Man, today presided at the Spring Luncheon of the Lord's Taveruers at the Café

of Siddington Manor, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and the His Royal Highness, President, this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at 70 Brompton Road, SW2 late Mrs Rosemary Clarke. Mr L. C. Cranfield and Miss R. S. Robertson The engagement is announced between Landale Claude, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. C. Cran-field, of East Burnside, Dollar, and Rosemary Struan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Robertson, of 12 Ancaster Drive,

Lord Rupert Nevill was in atten-The Prince of Wales, Chairman of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, today carried out a Silver Jubilee visit to Kent.

Jubilee visit to Kent.

His Royal Highness visited the Headquarters of the Kem County Constabulary, Maidstone, where The Prince of Wales opened the new Operations and Communications Headquarters and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

This afternoon, The Prince of Wales visited Sevenoaks School, consend the new Marley School, control the new Marley Supress.

Water visited Sevendars School, opened the new Marley Sports Centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

His Royal Highness later planted a tree at Chevening presented by the Kent Branch of "The Men of Trees!" to celebrate The Queen's Silver Jubilee

Silver Jubilee.
The Prince of Wales was this evening present at the Kent Silver Jubilee Appeal Dinner at Cheven-

Mr P. Levy
and Miss P. Marcus
The engagement is announced
between Paul, elder son of Mr
H. S. Levy and Mrs Shirley
Meyers, of Lexington, Kentucky,
United States, and Penelope,
daughter of Mrs Ruby Marcus, of
Wimbledon, London, and of the
late Mr Clifford Herbert Marcus. KENSINGTON PALACE April 24: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Schools Music Association Fifth National Pestival which was presented in aid of The Oueen's Silver Jubilee London Celebrations at the Royal Albert Hall this afternoon. Lieutenant Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 25: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief the King's Own Scottish Borderers, attended the Gallipoil Day Porade at Fort George, Inverness-shire.

Her Royal Highoess travelled in the Chief's Flight an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in

A memorial service for William, third Baron Merthyr, will be held at St Margaret's Church, West-minster, at noon on Wednesday, May 11, 1977.

A memorial service for Susan Lady Tweedsmuir will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, at 11.30 am tomorrow.

Requiem Mass for Cardinal William Conway, Archbishop of Armsch, will be celebrated by Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, in Westminster Cathedrai on Wednesday, May 18, at 6 pm.

A requiem Mass will be celebrated for Contessa Marina Luling Buschetti Volpi at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, EC1, on Tuesday, May 3, at 6 pm.

Birthdays today

Mrs Montgomery Belgion, 80: Mr John Lyle, 59; Sir Öliver Millar, 54; Professor J. E. Morpurgo, 59: Sir John Nicoli, 78; Profes-sor J. R. Sutherland, 77; Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler, 73; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Worth-ington, 74.

Latest wills Latest estates include (net, before

duty paid; duty not disclosed): Dobson, Mr Douglas Alexander, of West Haddon ... £140,780 Hardcastle, Miss Phoebs Mabel, of Banbury, farmer ... £177,944
Orace, Mr John Anthony, of
Sicklesmere, Suffolk .. £116,018
Rogers, Mr Clifford Catesby, of
Northwood ... £221,999

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon William Waldegrave and Miss C. Burrows
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of the Earl Waldegrave, KG, and Courtess Waldegrave, of Chewton Mendip, Bath, Somerset, and Carchine, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Richard Burrows, of Kemsing, Kent.

Mr M. Bebb and Miss J. Mawson
The marriage will take place at
Saxmundham on Saturday. April 30, between Mansel, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. O. Bebb, of New Tredegar, Gwent, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Mawson, of Whinbeck, Knodishall, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

the late Lieutenant Colone Carr and of Mrs Carr, of Salkeld, House, Great Salkeld, Penrith, Combria and Jan Elizabeth,

Cumbria, and Jan Elizabeth daughter of Mr Charles Clarke

and Miss O. Bostock

The engagement is announced between Nicholas George, elder son of Mr and Mrs. John Gerrish, of Low High Snab, Newlands, Cumbria, and Olivia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Godfrey Bostock, of Tixall, Stafford.

The engagement is announced between lain, son of Mr and Mrs K. Hiscock, of Seale, Surrey, and Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mumford, of Poyle Farm, Tongham, Surrey.

ish flamenco daucers. A typical group of semi-nude beauties, "The Sentimentalists", made £7.500 (estimate £5,000). There are threy girls on a beach, one offering a conch shell to her companions. "Ruth", a portrait of a girl on a mountain top, made £4.500 (estimate £3,000). "Cecilia reclining" £3.500 (estimate £3,000) and ing " £3,500 (estimate £3,000), and " Garner and Rose " £2,900 (estimate £2,000). All were bought by Frost and Reed, the Bond Street dealers who have traditionally handled Russell Flint's work. Mr J. R. Carr and Miss J. E. Clarke The engagement is annuunced between James Ronald, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel R. N.

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Sir William Russell Flint's water-colours of beaudful women brought a new high level of prices

brought a new high level of price at Phillips's vesterday. The top price was £8,200 (estimate £7,000) for the "Dance of a Thousand Flounces", depicting three Spanish flamenco dancers. A typical man of semi-nude beauties, "The

The sale was devoted to Impressionist and modern pictures, totalling £58,200, with 3 per cent unsold. Of more international in-terest was an ink drawing by Sal-vador Dali of Don Quixote, signed

vador Dali of Don Quixote, signed and dated 1935. It went to the Piccadily Callery for £4,800 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

Socheby's held a sale of English enamels, mostly devoted to a single collection, the property of Mr Henry Nyburg. A flood had damaged many of the pieces in the collection. Nevertheless the sale made £23,733 with 8 per cent unsold. The top price was £1,500 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) for a Bilston cased set of caddies, each painted with romantic or country pursuits and dating from about 1770.

The greatest rarity was a London patch box of about 1760,

slightly chipped, painted with kakiemon flowers, birds and insects; only one other box with laboratory of the constantinople in 1509, made 55,000 (estimate £5.000) kakiemon decoration is recorded. The price was £380 (estimate £400 to £600).

This remains a relatively incxpensive field. There was an amus-ing group of Bilston bonbonnières. each shaped as the head of an animal or man and all made in the 1770s. They ranged in price from £110 for a pug dog with large eyes and drooping pink tongue to £320 for a leopard's head.

Sotheby's also sold a collection of Rebrew books, mainly of the of Hebrew Books, mainly of the sixteenth and seventeenth cen (estimate £300 to 5800) for a large turies, which totalled £36,663, (23 inches) Canton jamille rose with 14 per cent unsold. Mainonides's most important work, landscapes, flowers, butterflies the Mishnah Torah or great raband figures.

Record prices for Russell Flint watercolours to £6,000), to Selig. Otherwise, prices were uneven; there is a strictly limited demand for such works. Kingsgate obtained the second edition of the Rabbinic Bible (Magna Eiblia Rabbinica) Bible (Magna Biblia Rabbinica) published in Venice in 1525-25 at £400 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). A Sotheby sale of Japanese works of art made £18,489, with

1 per ceut unsold. At Christie's a routine sale of oriental ceramics and works of art made \$27,632, with 10 per cent unsold. Sahai paid £1,100 (estimate \$500 to \$800) for a large

sources.

Both of Miss Prior-Palmer's

tides are products of the Hunters' Improvement Society's premium

stallion scheme, George being by St Georg, Killaire by Carnactic, and so are Marjorie Comerford's

and so are Marjorie Comerford's Cheal Cloud, by Little Cloud, and Jane Graham's Pikestone by Game Rights. Both The Kingmaker and Warrior are by Warwick, who stood in Oxfordshire, the Queen's bred Collinwood by Sir Winston Churchill's racehorse Colonist II, and Smokey who was bred in Ireland, is by Sadlers Wells.

At a press conference in London yesterday Mr Geoffrey Cross, who has run the Royal Windsor horse show since it started in 1943, says

show since it started in 1943, says that it then attracted 123 entries and cost 5512 to stage. There is an entry of 2,909 for next month's show, and 5500 will only cover the cost of the rosettes. Luckly the show is now underwritten by Merck, Sharp and Dohme.

Eight nations will contest the international driving grand prix, sponsored by Barclays Bank. West Germany is sending a team including End! Bernard Jung, the defending champion, and the other nations are Denmark. France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden and Hangary. Last year's record

nemerianos, Switzeriana, Sweden and Edizary. Last year's record number of hunter entries have again mcreased and so have the hacks, with Lady Zinnia Pollock's Dual Gold and Miss Betsy-Profumo's Lemington Moon River

returning to defend their titles with Vincent Toulson and Jennie

with Vincent Toulson and Jennie Loriston-Clarke respectively.

The jumping has attracted Kevin Becon of Australia, Peter Schmitz and Lutz Spessing from West Germany, and Fergi Tyteca and Christian Huysaness from Belgium, with all the new room names. Displays include the King's Troop the Household Cavairy and the Royal Canadian Mountles in England for a tour of the agricultural shows.

Britain's chances improve for three-day event title

By Pamela Macgregor Morris

Britain's chances of regaining the European three-day event championship, which they lost to West Germany in 1973 in Kiev

aspect of Badminton, 1977, was the timely vindication of the British bred horse which has come under fire recently from sundry ill-informed, even malicious By Pamela Macgregor Morris the European three-day event championship, which they lost to West Germany in 1973 in Kier and to the Soviet Union in Lumuhlen two years later, seem bright after the rout of the West German challengers, among them the holder of the Olympic bronze medal, at Badminton over the weekend. The short list for Burghley in

The short list for Burghley in September is being announced by the selectors, under Colonel Bill Lithgow, the former British team manager, during the week. His only problem seems to be that which beset the last European team championship candidates—an acute shortage of male riders which led to the fielding of an allegid ram in 1975, while in Kiev. all-girl team in 1975, while in Kiev. Richard Meade was the only man, Richard Meade was the only main with three women.

By September, of course, the 1972 Olympic champion will be reunited with Jacob Jones, recovered from his winter mishap in which he became entangled in barbed wire. But the Queen's borse, Goodwill, does not appear

horse, Goodwill, does not appear to have come to terms as yet with his new rider, Captain Mark Phillips and Persian Holiday was rejected in 1976. Although Christopher Collins and Smokey VI finished sixth, it is unlikely that their appeal to the selectors will have increased since they were tried, and found wanting, in the world, championships of 1974, especially as the horse is now 13 years old.

especially as the norse is now as years old.

Thus, apart from Miss Lucinda Prior-Palmer, who will clearly defend her individual title with the enthusiasm she brings to each new challenge, Etitain's hopes of a winning team seem to lie with Jane Holderness-Roddam with Warrior and Aly Pattinson with Carawich—each of whom has already won Burghler's Raleigh Trophy—and Diana Thorne with The Kingmyler the winner and the property of The Kingmaker, the winner at Haras du Pins in Normandy in 1975.

From the British standpoint, perhaps the most encouraging

Latest appointments Latest appointments include: Sir Antony Aciand to be Ambassador to Spain in succession to Sir Charles Wiggin, who died on March 8. Sir Antony takes up his appointment in mid-June.

Mr W. A. Ward to be High Commissioner to Mauricins in succession to Mr A. H. Brind, who is moving to another diplomatic post.

Mr J. J. Gross, editor of The Times Literary Supplement, to be a trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, in succession to Sir Philip Magnus-Allcroft, whose term of office has expired.

or saucy parts. Her Susanna in Figaro thus served a whole genera-tion as a model of characterization

Ulster service

awards before he was forty. They were a popular and much-invited couple, and their complets un-The Ministry of Defence an-nounces the following awards for awareness of the boring practi-calities of everyday life (though it had its drawbacks in Northern service between August I and October 31, 1976:

OBET Licutement-Colonel J. R. S. Burgess, MBE. Int Cornet: Licutopent-Colonel R. G. Lee, Kings, MBE. Maior J. P. J. D. Oliver, Green Howards, OGM (Outer) Sellantry Medal: Screens D. W. Couling, RAOC: Private P. A. De Lars, Cuems, BBM: Batel Screens D. Canliffo, RES. Sargeant M. G. Heaty, Royal Signals, Surf. Sargeant M. A. Underwood, Royal Signals, MG: Major W. S. Turner, KOSE, Medicorporal D. J. Airkesse, Kings Own Border, Octal Queen's Communication for Valuable Service in the Ary: Warrant Officer 2 L. V. Dicks, AAC. Mention 48 Dispretches: Licotomonal between August 1 and October 31 (though it had its drawbacks so far as running a household and bringing up a family were concerned) was an idiosyncracy which their friends found endearing. In H. G. Wells's "Mr Britling sees it Through "there is a very funny description of Charles's ("Reeburn") trousers in imminent danger of coming down during a hockey match: G. K. Chesterton ended

Warrant Officer 2 L. V. Dicks, AAC,
Mention in Dispatches: LioutonantColonei F. A. L. Aistead, KOSS: Captain C. G. F. Charter, Queens: Major
D. C. Clarke, Rings Own Border,
Corner, R. R. Congel, A. B. Cornei, R. C. Capilan, A. B.
L. Carrei, R. C. Capilan, A. B.
Fir, RE: Corporal S. L. Fuszaró, Royal
Hignalis Sergiant D. J. Garrity, Kings
Own Border: Lance Corporal R. C.
Clidavoli, Royal Sienalis, Major R. H.
Graham, Ghewis; Colonei H. Howard;
Sarcant R. A. Jordan, RVP: Sergeani
J. S. Lovelsce, RA: Lieutani-Ceionol
J. R. Milburn, MBE, Kings Own
Border: Warrant Officer 2 M. J., Stone,
Border: Warrant Officer 2 M. J., Stone, J. R. Milburn, MBE, Kines Own Burder: Warran Orficer 2 M. J. Stone, RAOC: Ucutchant M. B. Smibington, RA: Major C. G. Thomson, Prop. Loutenant-Colonel P. F. Walter, MSE, M., Pare : Friendler B. C. Webstor: Major B. F. Williamson, RAOC.

More floodlighting Twenty-five additional buildings and monuments in London are to and monuments on London are to be ficodlight this summer by the Department of the Environment as part of the silver jubilee celebrations. The floodlighting will begin May 1 and continue until October 31.

around the head of the first man. The swords were thrown in on top of them. It certainly seems as if there was some dirty bushness going on Perhaps they were murdered."

Mr Bennett says it is almost certain that the crave was due. tertain that the grave was dug through the floor of a house that stood on the site. The men dled in the late second or early third

century.
At that time it was against the law to bury people within the confines of the city. If it had been a proper burial the bodies would have been laid on their backs with their swords neatly placed by their sides.

One of the swords was still in its scabbard, which was probably made of wood. Also found with them were the bronze best fit-

tings.
The skeletons have been sent for medical examination and the swords and fittings have gone to the Arcient Monuments Labora-tory in London for X-ray

Diocese of Southwell
The Rev A. H. Brown, Vicar of Si
Anna's, Worksop, and Rurai Dean of
Worksop, to be honorary canon of
Southwell Minater,
The Rev. L. Shortand-Ball, formerly
Vicar of East Retford and honorary
canon of Southwell Minater, to be
canon emeritus.

The Roy H. Clowes, Rector of Tarcahili, to be priest-in-charge of Dresdon.

The Roy H. Pearins, Roctor of Harlasin and Educale, to he vicer of Si Aldan's, Shebaall, Burton-en-Trent.

MRS LUCY MASTERMAN Worker for the Liberal cause Charles's political Mrs Lucy Masterman, widow of the distinguished Masterman, ruined

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commander of the forces in

South Africa and in Ireland,

and formidable man.

career. Lucy was always at his side during what became in-creasingly dark and difficult Liberal politician, C. F. G. Masterman, and herself a lifetimes, and in the struggle against ill-health, despression long worker for the Liberal Party, has died at the age of and financial catastrophe. When he died in 1927, their Lucy Blanche Masterman friends feared, so grievous was the blow, that her own life was was born in July, 1884. Her father was General Sir Neville Lyttleton, who was successively nearly over as well. They were wrong. Although Chief of the General Staff, and

bereavement, Lucy Masterman during the first decade of the lived, astonishingly, for another 50 years, during nearly the whole of which long period she remained extremely busy and active in many and varied spheres. displayed great resilience. She century. Gladstone was her great-uncle by marriage, and she remembered frequently perching, as a little girl, upon the august knee of that great She grew up to be a serious and dedicated young woman (though not without a lively sense of humour), deeply absorbed in the problems of many and varied spheres. In the late 1920s the Liberal Party made its last credible effort to regain its former greatness, and she played her full part in this spirited cam & the day, and no less keenly paign. She was much in demand as a speaker at meer interested in literature and music than in politics and reli-gion. In 1908 she married ings, and conferences, espe-cially on subjects such as hous-Charles Masterman, then the rising hope of the advanced wing of the Liberal Party, who had just become a junior minister in Asquith's great ing and juvenile delinquency, on which she was an acknowledged expert. At the 1929 General Election she contested Salisbury; she made an attrac-rive, if still a sad, figure as a candidate; she was a fluent and persuasive speaker, and she came within measurable government. In a sense they were "star-cross'd lovers". Lucy's aristocratic relations (who were lored her union with a man whom they considered middle-class, impecunious and dandistance of capturing that redoubtable Conservative

stronghold.

in a sense she never com-pletely recovered from her

gerously radical; on the other hand, some of Masterman's friends accused him of betray-Lucy had always shown a talent for literary composition, and as a young woman had published a volume of poems, which were held by discerning critics to possess real merit. Later she wrote or edited several books. The most important at the contract of the contrac ing the peoples' cause by mar-rying into the "establishment" (as it was not yet called)— Hilaire Belloc, in particular, never forgave his old collea-gue, and conducted a long and bitter vendetta against him. raphy of her husband (1938) into which she pur all he skill, her knowledge and her love. Her style was distinctive bitter vendetta against him.

Her marriage meant that
Lucy was brought into active
and exciring contact with the
turbulent political scene of the
period, and that she was constantly in the company of the
giants of those days, especially
Lloyd George and Churchill,
who were her husband's closest
associates and friends. Of Masterman himself it was said that and astringent; she displayed a decided gift for finding the telling and apposite phrase; she had kem a detailed and lively diary during the first years of her marriage. In consequence the reader was preterman himself it was said that sented with almost uniquely he might have become an outvivid undress portraits, not only of the book's hero, but of standing radical Prime Minister; instead as a result partly of bad luck and partly of tem-Asquith, Lloyd George, Cnurchill, Rufus Isaacs, and many

peramental weaknesses, his career was to end in failure, insolvency and early death. But those who had known this brilliant, fascinating, wayward For nearly 50 years Lucy Masterman lived in a flat near Battersea Park. Here she pro-vided a home for Commonand tragic figure, remembered with gratitude, to the end of their own lives, the impact of his dazzling intellect, his irre-pressible wit, and his over-whelming charm. During the first few years of their marriage Masterman's star was still in the ascendant; he became a Cabiner Minister She was a governor of a public school, of which the headmaster had been a great friend of her husband and of herself. coming down during a bockey ical spectrum, and he successive verses of a poem successive verses of a poem tensor ranged widely. As the proposer of her health remarked, at a delightful diner held to celebrate her eighted became:

"The love that Lucy left the love the lov behind behind icated Liberal, she has never faitered in her belief that even to beginning with a series of electoral defeats which effectively children".

LORD SLATER

Lord Slater, BEM, who was Assistant Postmaster-General from 1964 to 1969, died on April 27 at the age of 72. As Mr Joseph Slater, he had been Labour MP for the Sedgefield division of Durham from 1950

"The love that Lucy left

cated at his local elementary school, Chilton Lane, County Durham. On leaving school he went to work in the mines. He joined the Labour Party in 1928, and became a lodge official of the miners union two years later. He also held various important positions on committees connected with Mainsforth Colliery. He took an active part in local govern-ment, and had been a member of the Durham County Council, on which he was vice-chairman of the Highways and Bridges Committee. He had also been a member of the Sedgefield Parish Council, and the Rural District Council.

schools, and had served on two hospital management commit-tees. In 1940 and again in 1947 he was on the Executive of the Durham Miners Union, and in 1949 was awarded the BEM for his public work and for his services to trade unionsm. He was first returned to Par-

liament at the general election of February, 1950. and held the seat without difficulty for the next 20 years. He served as a member of the Select Committee on Estimates and became a Member of the Council of Europe and Western European Union in 1958. He was PPS to the Leader of the Opposition from 1960 to 1964 and became Assistant Postmaster General when in the Harold Wilson government of 1964, an office he held for the next five years. He was made a Life Peer in the Dissolution Honours of 1970.

He was a man of deep religious faith, and since 1932 had Parish Council, and the Rural
District Council.

He was at one time Chairman of the Educational Divisional Executive Committee,

Bious faith, and since 1922 and 1928, Hilds

Clement. They had one son and two daughters, but one daughter died.

CAPTAIN E. R. RICKMAN

who was for 20 years "Robin Goodfellow" of the Daily Mail. died on April 24 at the age of 86. He paid his first visit to a racecourse as a 14-year-old schoolboy when on holiday from Cartmel Grammar School and his early interest in racing was to last throughout his life.

As a racing journalist, author, owner and breeder he was recognized as a leading authoity on turf affairs and his advice was keenly sought and generously given.

was on the Thanet Times. Then came the First World War with service in the Royal East Kent Yeomanry and the Machine Gan Corps. On demobilization he joined the staff of The Sports. man and when that journal was swallowed up by The Sporting Life he became "The judge" with the Evening Standard. In 1929 he was chosen to be

"Robin Goodfellow", of the Daily Mail, a post he held until 1949 when his elder son John, better known perhaps as the ITV racecourse commentator and interviewer, succeeded him. For some years he was chair-man of the Racecourse Press

committee, secretary of the Derby committee and a much valued member of Tattersall's committee, a body which deals with betting disputes. As an author he wi-l be remembered for Come Racing with Me and On and Off the Racecours' books which showed his inti-mate knowledge of the personalities and problems to be found in the racing profession. He was also a regular couributor to Horse and Hound and the Blood Stock Breeders Review. The best horse he owned, in partnership with his young son Geoffrey, and trained by Bill Wightman, was: Roxburgh, the

He was a director of the Brook Stud, founded by the late Sir Alfred Butt at Cheveley Newmarket, and indicating his wide range of interests, he was for many years a Kennel Club committee member, breeding and exhibiting Sealyham terriers. In 1912 he married Catherine Mary Carter, member of a famous family of Chartilly regions and conditions. tilly trainers and grand daughter of Tom Jennings who seat Gladiateur from Newmarket to



Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, between the Right Rev David Konstant (left) and the Right Rev Philip Harvey during their consecration as auxiliary bishops at Westminster Cathedral yesterday.

Moreton Hall

Mr N. G. Gerrish and Miss O. Bostock

Mr I. Hiscock and Miss S. E. Mumford

The Summer Term begins today. Maimanat Mohsin is head prefect and Andrea Craiq second prefect. The half-term holiday is from June 2 to 8. Parents' Weekend will be July 15-17, when the guest of honour will be General Sir Ian Gourlay, chairman of International Executive Committee. United World Colleges. On July 16 there will be a performance of Under Milk Wood. The end of term service will be conducted by Bishop A. S. Reeve on Sunday, July 17.

Rendcomb College

The Summer Term began yester-day and the half term holiday is from June 4 to June 8. Founders

Dinners

Admiratty Board
The Admiratty Board entertained
Vice-Admirat S. Thostrup, Chief
of Danish Navy, and Mrs Thosrup, at dinner at Admiratty House
last night. Mr Patrick Duffy, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of
State for Defence for the Royal
Navy, presided. Among those
present were:
The Danish Ambassador and Mrse
Kristlanen. Admirat Sir Terence and
Lady Lewin. Vice-Admirat Sir Gordon
and Lady Tait. Sir Richard and Lady
Sykos. Commandant S. V. A. McBride,
Commander and Mrs. Monsell. Commander P. Wessel-Joing and the Fiss
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mander P. Wessel-Tolvig and the I Lieutenant to the Admiralty Board.

University news

Cambridge ST JOHN'S COLLEGE: P. A. Jewell MA, PhD, Mary Marshall and Arthur Walton Professor of Physiology of Reproduction in the university, has been elected into a fellowship from October 1, 1977.

Hull
The following are to be promoted to senior lecturer from October:

O. Harries-Jenkins, Lis (Wales), MA, Mibni is Anglis; eduit education: S. B. Palmer, Bkc. PhD (Sheff), applied physics: R. Aveyard, BSc. PhD (Sheff), applied physics: R. Aveyard, BSc. PhD (Sheff), applied physics: R. Aveyard, BSc. PhD (Sheff), BA, PhD (Sheff), BA, PhD (Sheff), BA, PhD (Sheff), BA, PhD (Sheff), BB, PhD (Shef

Freight Transport Association
The Secretary of State for Transport, Mr W. T. Rodgers, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Freight Transport Association held at the Hilton hotel yesterday. Mr J. W. Phillips, president, presided.

Day is on Saturday, June 25, and an address will be given by Sir Eric Roll. There will be a buffet supper for all Old Rendcombians

supper for all Old Rendcombians who attended the school from 1960-1976, on Saturday, July 9, and term ends on July 10. The Rendcomb College Appeal launched two months ago has already reached 555,000 and the first phase of new building, the extension of the science laboratory, will be completed by September.

Westminster School

The Election Term at Westminster

School begins today. A. J. Newman continues as captain of school. The Challenge will be seld on May 23, 24 and 25. The school concert will take place on

Lunchean

Royal Over-Seas League
The chairman of the Royal OverSeas League, Lord Grey of
Naunton, and members of the
central council entertained Lord

Loughborough Dr John Lucas, BA, PhD, reader in English at Nottingham Univer-

in English at Nottingham University, has been appointed to the newly established chair in English. He will become head of the department of English and drams (at present a department of Loughborough College of Education) when the college and university amalgamate in August. Dr Louis Cohen, MA, MEd, PhD, senior lecturer in social psychology of education at Bradford University, has been appointed to a chair

sity, has been appointed to a chair in education.

Wales SWANSEA Mr R. H. Morgan, BA (Wales), bas been appointed lecturer in

department of social policy social work from October 1,

Service luncheon

Gailipoli Association
The annual luncheon and reunion
of the Gailipoli Association was
held at the Duke of York's Headquarters yesterday. Veterans of
the Dardanelles-Gailipoli cam-

May 27. The exeat will be from 12.50 on June 3-8.45 am on June 9. The school play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, will be performed in Ashburnham Garden on July 4, 5, 6 and 7. Election dinner will rake place on July 9 and term ends that day. On July 12 a joint Westminster-Clifton expedition leaves for Baffin Island.

The Oratory School

The Summer Term began yesterday, The school captain is A. W. Bird. Captain of cricket is S. J. F. Anduze. Open Day will be on June 6. followed by half-term until June 8. The Newman Lecture will be given on May 2 by the Rev Dr G. Rowell, Chaplain of Keble College, Oxford. Term ends on July 8.

and Lady Seebohm at luncheon at Over-Seas House, St James's,

paign of 1915 were present and Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Lieutenant General Sir Regulate Lieutenant General Sir Regulate Savory, president, was in the Chair. Before luncheon a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on the University Grants Committee from June 1 this year to December Seebohm, chairman of Loudon occasion of Anzac Day by Vice-House for Overseas Graduates, Admiral E. W. Longley-Cook.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, April

Elizabeth Schumann The death of Mme Elizabeth Schumann is New York on Wed-Schumann in New York on Weduesday will stir many memories
in all the lands which knew her
incomparable art as operatic
soprano and interpreter of German
lieder. Her voice hed a quicksilver
quality, of greater purity than
power, but with an indefinable
and characteristic ring in it, It
was controlled by a musician's
sensitiveness to phrasing, With this equipment her singing of Schubert, especially the lighter and prettier songs, was ideally ingratiating.
When she sang in opera she
brought to it a further dramatic
charm, especially in mischlevous

tion as a model of characterization in shiging. As a natural consequence of her qualities she was limited in the interpretation of more serious songs which were liable to become arch, and of Bach, which she did not often attempt, though those who heard her in the Beethoven Mass in Vienns at the Beethoven centedary in 1927 are not likely to forget the experience. She was born in Thuringis, the daughter of an organist, in 1885, according to Grove's Dictionary, but she was reticent about her age and her friends in New York, where she had lived since the fall of Austria, put it at 63. Sie made her debut in Germany simultaneously with Mme Lotte Lehmann at Hamburs

Mme Lotte Lehmann at Hamburg

Science report

Electronics: Field-effect transistors

The first transistors were so-called field-effect devices. They were not successful because of defects in the materials, and the first transistor to work well was the bipolar device. About 10 years ago, however, the sarly troubles of the field-effect transistor (FET) were solved and the device is now used widely a professor calculator. widely; a pocket calculator, for instance, may contain 20,000 tiny FETs.

Recent research on FETs shows that their performance has by no means reached its limit; devices can now perform well at higher frequencies than the bipolar transistor can reach, and in another direction, theoretical studies suggest that a refrigerated FET need use so little power that much larger-scale integrated circuity could be contemplated.

In simplest outline, an FET consists of a thin surface channel of semiconducting material, to which are attached two terminals called the source and the drain. The resistance of the channel is controlled by a third terminal called controlled by a third terminal cal-led the game, which is a tiny strip of metal laid down on the chanpel. A varying voltage soplied to the gate will affect the current that flows through the channel by controlling the total number of charge carriers available for that purpose. That is the basis for am-plifying electrical signals. The arrangement is in some ways similar to that of a vacuum triode

In recent years FETs using gallium arsenide as the semiconducting material have been much studied and as a result are now widely used as amplifiers for frequencies up to at least 10GHz (1GHz-109 cycles a second). At such frequencies FETs have rivals but the ability of other devices declines as one moves up the spectrum. FETs, on the other hand, should theoretically be able to perform satisfactorily at frequencles even higher than those so far at-tained; the technological limit is the ability to make short gates, because the shorter the gate the higher the frequency at which an

cess by American and Japanese workers in the construction and use of an FET with a gare only half a micron long (one micron is one thousandth of a millimetre; the wavelength of light is about half a micron). Electronic engineers at Plessey have also had similar successes. FETs, it now seems, can amplify signals by up no a factor of ten in power at 20GHz without also adding a major constituent of unwanted noise. Devices such as parametric amplifiers already operate in those fiers already operate in those frequency ranges, but FETs could provide strong competition because they can probably be made more compactly and cheaply.

In the 10GHz frequency rang applications for FETs are likely to be numerous. Satellites for communication purposes, such as the beaming of television pro-grammes, will use those fre-quencies; military users will also use the broader spectrum in more complicated cat-and-mouse games of hiding signals and unravelling them. The transistor is as much a switch as an amplifier, so eventu-ally FETs will possibly also find applications as very rapid switches

in computers.

One rapidly developing application is in optical fibres for the transmission of information in the fransmission of information in the form of streams of light pulses. Another paper in Electronics Letters from a German group points out how the high frequency response of the FET can be used to pick up the light pulses at the end of the fibre and convert them into alocarical. convert them into electrical signals. At present avalanche signals. At present avalanche photodiodes provide the most rapid response (allowing the densest packing of pulses), but tests on a gallium arsemde FET in which the light pulses were beamed directly on to the gate than that the electrical response show that the electrical response of the FET is substantially

quicker. It is natural to wonder whether the gate-sized limitation on frequency response can be overcome.

If a half-micron gate width can Two papers recently published to take the frequency limit up to hundreds of GHz? Techniques of

photolithography for fabricating transistor components are already at their limits when marking out at their limits when marking out a gate of the same size as the wavelength of light, but there is hope that electron beam lithography may take over, using the much shorter wavelength of high-energy electrons. In the United Kingdom, Plessey have hopes of success in the use of electron beams for making FETS.

beams for making FETs.

Finally, what happens to an FET's performance when it is cooled? Gallium arsenide devices are sometimes cooled by 40° to 50°C to cut down noise levels. But in another paper in Electronics Letters D. Rees from the Royal Signals Research Establishment, Malvern, and G. Sanghera and R. Warriner from Reading University look at the way an FET would perform at 200°C at below room temperatures, The authors use a computer program to stimulate the behaviour of individual electrons travelling a; up to late the behaviour of individual electrons travelling at up to 100 Km a second in such a COLDFET device. The level of imparities in the semiconductor of a COLDFET would be controlled to be much lower than in conventional FETs. As a result it is possible to design a COLDFET with circuit properties very similar to those of a conventional FET but with a power consumption but with a power consumption down by a factor of a thousand.

That opens up some interesting possibilities. A big geometrical restraint to large-scale integration of computer circuitry is power dissipation by devices that heat up dissipation by devices that heat up not only themselves but also their neighbours. At the cost of cooling to liquid-nitrogen temperatures it may be possible to pack 50 times as many devices in the same volume. In space applications the environment naturally provides those low temperatures, which have to be countered by which have to be countered by heading the satellite. By Nature-Times News Service Source: Electronics Letter, Vol 13, January 20, March 17 and 31.

@ Nature-Times News Service,

Flight Lieutenant Gerald Hermer, aged 31, a belicopter pilot, who has been awarded the Air Force Cross for skill and courage in helping the crew of a sinking German ship on his first tour of duty with a search and rescue squadrou.

Today's engagements Princess Anne opens Inter Action's new community centre, Camden. new community centre, Camden, 2.30; attends physically handi-capped wheelchair dancing, Stoke on Trent, 7.25. The Duke of Gloucester opens Norwich training centre of Con-struction Industry Training

struction Inc Board, 11.30. The Duke of Kent, pairon, attends luncheon given by Army Ski Association, Royal Over-Seas League, to mark retirement of General Sir Roderick McLeod as president, 12.40. Princess Alexandra opens women's

Training

mobile screening clinic, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 2.45, later, as patron of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, presides at re-Research Irust, presides at re-ception for representatives from committees of the regions and branches throughout United Kingdom, Claridge's botel, 4.

Grave of Roman soldiers found in Canterbury

From Our Correspondent
Cauterbury archaeologists have
uncovered the unmarked grave of
two Roman soldiers who they believe were killed 1,700 years ago
in the Rosemary Lane district of
the city. The experts believe they
were hurriedly buried with their
swords under the floor of a house.

Mr Timothy Tatton-Brown,
director of the Canterbury
Archaeological Trust, said: "It
rare to have Roman soldiers
buried with their arms. Only a
handful of burials with swords are
known from all over the Roman
empire. Almost none are known in From Our Correspondent empire. Almost none are known in Britain, although a couple are known outside the Roman frontier

in Scotland."

Mr Paul Bennett, his assistant, said: "It is obvious them. said: "It is obvious they were buried in great haste. One man was thrown into the hole face down and he seems to have been jumped on to get him in. The legs and the pelvis were broken.

"The second man was thrown in on top of him, with his legs evamination and conservation.

Church news Latest appointments include : The Rev R. J. Barnard, Rector of Clenchwarton, diocese of Ely, to be priest-in-charge of Hinxton, same

price-in-charge of Hinxion, same dicesse.

The Rov P. A. Letford, curate of St Luke's, Ramsgale, dicesse of Canterbury, to be price-in-charge of St Mary's, Eastling, same dicesse.

The Rev B. Lindars, SSF, Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge, dicesse of Ely, to be Canon Theologian of Letcester Cathedral.

The Rev D. Marrow, Minister of the Proorietary Episcopal Chapmi of St James, Rydo, dicesse of Portsmouth, to be also Chaptian of the Roval Isle of Wight County Hospital.

The Rev C. A. Patroli, Rector of St James, Cathedral, The Rev G. A. Patroli, Rector of St James, Cathedral, The Rev J. Podlar, Precenter of Southwark Cuthedral.

The Rev J. Podlar, Precenter of St Atbans Cathedral.

The Rev J. Stiddill, recently Chaptalin of Christ Church, Chittingong, Bangladesh to be Vicer of St. Paul's, Lowmoor, Cilhheros, diocese of Blackburn.

Diocese of Salisbury

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The Rev D. Ackroyd, curate of St.
Mary the Virgin, Horsell, diocese of
Culiford, to be prictin-charge of
Moreton and Woodstord with Thicton.

The Rev M. A. Manistrar in the
Swanboroush team Manistrar in the
prictin-charge of Salibeuma and
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twernes and Sutton Waldron. same
diocese.

The Rev C. H. Pickhorn, Rector of Bourlon-on-the-Water with Clapton, to be honorary canon of Clourester The Rev P. B. Hobbs, Vicer of Savanhampton with Chariton Abbotts and Hawling with Whittington, to be honorary canon of Glourester The Rev C. W. Smith, Vicer of Up Hathericy, to be honorary canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

Diocese of Lincoln

The Rev K. Marley. Vicar of St.
Mary and St.
John's. Shaw Hill.
decase of Birming.
The Rev. G. Neale, Rector of Holy
Cross. Blustend, Isle of Wight, diocese
of Portsmouth. to be Team Rector of
Bottesford with Ashby.
The Rev H. Reitwell, Vicar of
Calstar, to be used oversitier for the
Church of England Children's Society.
The Rev R. A. Howe, formerly Dean
of Hongkons. to be Rector of Grantham.

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wealth students, and many generations of young Nigerians obtained a picture of English life, at its warmest and least conventional, as a result of their residence under her roof. Her real for social reform, and for helping the underprivi-leged, never slackened, and she was a leading member of the Battersea Housing Association. Lucy's loyalty to Liberalism and the Liberal Party were unquenchable, never despairing for the future of the cause. Well into her eighties she used to organize book sales for the purpose of bringing much-needed money into the party coffers. But she was no narrow or secturian politician; her

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Born on June 13, 1904, he was the son of William and Elizabeth Slater, and was edu-

Captain Eric Roper Rickman,

His first work as a journalist

winner of seven races between. 1958-60.

win the 1865 Epsom Derby.

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Japanese reject Mr Dell's 'double your British imports' demand

Tokvo, April 25

Britain's latest demand that Japan should double United Kingdom imports within two Kingaom imports within two sears to rectify the imbalance in trade between the two coun-ries was described as "unreal-istic and unfeasible" in Tokyo

Dashing the hopes of Mr Dell, the Secretary of State for Trade, who laid down the United Kingdom's two-year timetable during a meeting with Japanese business leaders in Tokyo last week, a sculor Japanese official told The Times today: "We do not think it is possible to meet this demand.

* After seriously studying Mr pell's statement it is not feasible to meet this target within two years, given the state of world economy."

The official, Mr. Mursoka, director of the Japan-ese foreign ministry's bureau for West Europe, said: "It is unrealistic, under the circum-mances. We can only double our imports from the United King-dom if we double our exports to the rest of the world."

Outlining the rationale henind Japan's arguments, Mr Muranka contested Mr Dell's essertion that Japan was not adhering to the principle of free trade. (Mr Dell pointed out last week that Japan's import ratio of manufactured goods was 20 per cent, com-pered with the 50 per cent of other developed nations.)

In reply, Mr Muraoka raised a time-worn argument that Japan lacked all forms of resources and was forced to divert most of its import spendlogs towards raw materials. "For example out of Japan's total imports of \$65,000m (138,235m) in 1976, roughly one mird was spent on mineral feels", he said.

He went on to declare that Japan's import ratio of manufactured goods, as against total imports, amounted to 30 per cent in 1973 but had declined to 20 per cent in 1975 after the sharp rise in the price of crude

creased to 21.5 per cent in 1976 quantity of manufactured and the ministry for international trade expects the ratio to rise to 30 per cent in 1985." Replying to Mr Dell's assertion that the United Kingdom also lacked raw materials but permitted an import ratio of

give pledge on Parsons By David Felton It was becoming clear last night that the Government is

tions with other industrialized

nations, there is a free interplay in the exchange of manufac-

tured goods. Nearly 35 per cent of Britain's foreign trade last

year was with members of the Community, 15 per cent with

other West European countries

and 12 per cent with North

on to remind Mr Dell that 47 per cent of Tokyo's exports

were delivered to developed

nations and 40 per cent of her

imports were received from developed nations. (Signifi-

cantly there was no mention

that a large measure of Japan's imports of raw materials and food are derived from Canada

"Because of our distance from other industrialized

nations. Japan has developed

the method of importing raw

materials and manufacturing

sophisticated goods ourselves ",

"The ratio of United King-dom's total volume of trade to

the gross national product is 20 per cent. In Japan's case it is

10 per cent . . . our imports comprise mainly food and raw

materials and we have little

room to import manufactured

volume of trade to a similar level, then the volume of manufactured imports will be

Reacting to Mr Dell's sugges-

tion that many European nations, including Britain, faced similar problems. Mr Muraoka

agreed that Britain also lacked

United Kingdom, you can export twice as much in rela-

tive terms and can therefore

import more manufactured goods. In Japan's case we will

have to export twice as much to be able to import the large

"Therefore the Government

does not think that it is feasible that Japan's imports from the

United Kingdom can double within two years" he said.

"But in the case of the

larger". Mr Muraoka said.

" If we can increase the total

and the United States.)

the official said.

goods.

raw materials.

United

The government official went

facing a very difficult decision over the ordering of the £600m manufactured goods in the vicinity of 50 per cent, Mr Muraoka claimed that Japan remained isolated from other Drax B power station, with the possibility of a revolt by its own backbenchers and industrial action by power generation workers. "Since the United Kingdom With the strength of rumours is part of the European Com-munity and it has close rela-

growing that the Government had approved the takeover of the C. A. Parsons part of the the C. A. Parsons part of the Reyrolle Parsons group by Sir Arnold Weinstock's GFC as part of an agreement for the Drax B order to be placed with GEC. Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, failed to reassure his backbench critics.

Mr Varley

declines to

He refused to give an assurance in the Commons vester-day to Mr Mike Thomas, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, that he would underwrite a pledge by Parsons that there would be no takeover without the agreement of the Parsons

And late last night Mr Thomas, along with other Labour MPs with power genera-tion factories in their constituencies, came away from a meeting with Mr Varley and his junior ministers still unhappy at the Government's Mr Thomas said after the

meeting: "Nothing Mr Varley told me in any way reassured me. I believe the Government has embarked on the course I feared, but I now hope that the representations that have been made will persuade the Government to change its mind." The feeling in Westminster

last night was that the issue will now have to go back to the Cabinet for further discussion. Unions at Parsons want a national turbine generator company with Parsons and GEC as equal partners and the National Enterprise Board bolding a 20 per cent stake.

pledge of no merger talks without union agreement and unions representing the 6,000 workers at the Newcastle works are opposed to any deal which sees the company taken over by GEC. Opposition to a quick deal

with GEC also came yesterday from the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbng Union. Mr Frank Chapple its general secretary, spoke to Mr Variey by telephone and urged him to postpone any final decision until the manter had been discussed by the TUC fuel and power committee Business Letters, page 18 | Parliamentary reports, page

Sixth reduction by clearing banks this year will aid industry

Base borrowing rate down to 9 pc

in the last few weeks-since the Our Industrial Editor writes:

Financial Correspondent
For the sixth time this year For the sixin time this year the cost of bank borrowing has been reduced as a result of yesterday's decision by the leading banks to lower their base rates from 9½ to 9 per cent. Yesterday's move by the banks, which had been widely expected after Friday's cut in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate (to 81 per cent). lending rate (to 8) per cent), means that the banks have now reduced their base rates by 5 per cent since January 1. The latest reduction in base rates will bring the cost of borrowing for blue chip indus-

trial borrowers down to 10 per cent. Most personal overdrafts will now cost 12 to 14 per cent. In addition, the Midland is also cutting its rates on per-sonal loans. The flar rate comes down from 10 to 9 per cent, curring the true rate of interest on, for instance, a two-year loan from 19.7 to 17.7 per cent. True rates on similar loans from the

Sir Richard Dobson, chairman

and Mr Alex Park, chief execu-tive of British Leyland yesterday personally delivered

the Government-ordered review study of the state-controlled

motor group's operations to Lord Ryder head of the National

The study, which has taken fust a month to complete, is understood to contain a

unanimous recommendation from BL's board that the pro-posed £200m project to build a

new Mini should be retained with minor cost saving modifica-

choices ranging from a switch from the new Mini in favour of the proposed LC10 medium

saloon, to the complete abandon-

ment of the Mini project and

the closure of assembly opera-

tions at Longbridge and Cowley.

Clearly recognizing the explosive nature of this latter threat to 40,000 jobs Mr Park

was at pains to assure employees

that the board would be fighting

to retain as much of the existing

set up as possible.

By Clifford Webb

Enterprise Board.

ever, the more probable it becomes that the banks will

attempt to offset the loss of income by increasing some of their other charges.

So far, the squeeze on bank profitability that generally goes hand in hand with falling interest rates has been mitigated. terest rates has been mitigated by, first, the fact that the cost of money market funds has been falling even faster than base rates and, second, by the move by the banks to widen the margin between the rates they charge to borrowers and the rates they offer on deposits of less than £10,000.

Since the period when interest rates were at their peak in the final quarter of last year this margin has widened from 3 to 42 per cent—the 44 per cent margin being maintained by yesterday's decision to cut deposit rates by a further

Leyland chief's 'fighting' talk as

disastrous toolmakers' strike-meant that Leyland had reached

the first of three milestones set

We have brought production to the required level (understood to be 20,000 cars a week) and now we must attain the second

objective—that of sustaining

" If we can do that it is going

to have an enormous effect. If

output is not sustained then we have a big battle on our hands."

He warned employees that Levland's credibility was the main stumbling block. "We have to face the fact that our

credibility is cracking at the

seams. I appreciate the worry

that so many employees have about the future but we must improve our credibility and

everyone must play their part."

expected to maintain daily con-

tact with BL executives as they

prepare their own recommenda-tions for Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry. This stage is expected to last about

South Korean motor group.

Lord Ryder and his team are

"We have got back to work.

review document goes to NEB

by the Government.

production.

between 16.7 and 18.7 per cent.

The further the customer's cost of borrowing falls, how-But the general assumption in most banks now is that even if further scope appears for cut-ting lending rates over the coming weeks, it will be almost impossible to cut deposit rates further without risking substantial switching of savings from the banks to the building societies.
As it is, the building societies

are already considerably more attractive to the saver, offering 7 per cent net of standard rate tax, equivalent to 10.7 per cent gross. The banks will doubtless be hoping that it will not be too long before the building societies decide that their monthly investment inflow is sufficient to permit a signifi-cant cut in the 7 per cent rate. In the money markets yesterthree month Treasury continued to trade at a level, which, if maintained throughout the week, would point to the possibility of a further small cut

Creditors of British Leyland are to rank above the National

Enterprise Board under the

arrangements for supplying

£100m of loan capital to the

car group while the review of its future investment pro-

The NEB's agreement with

Leyland shows that the £100m

is being made available under

terms that provide for repayment instalments between 1982

and 1997 at interest rates rang-

ing between 141 per cent and 151 per cent. However, the board's rights to the repayment

of principal and interest are

"postponed to the rights of all other creditors of the com-

Presumably that portion of the money being supplied un-der Government direction from

Industry Act funds will follow

the terms of the general NEB

Union warning: Union leaders

will tell the Government tomor-

row that Levland Cars must be allowed to develop its own en-gineering design and tooling if it is not to face disaster. The

engineering union's staff sec-tion (TASS) will present Mr Leslie Huckfield, Minister for

Industry, with a report stress-

Cars breaking its dependence

gramme continues.

Clifford Sellick, chairman of the Bridgwater Building Society, speaking at the society's annual meeting, yesterday, said that perhaps some of those who were so vociferous in suggesting a decline in interest rates for borrowers would one day tell them how they could pay investors market rates and lend at rates substan-

The country could not have it both ways, he said. If build-ing society rates for investors were pitched too low, incoming funds declined and there would be complaints of a mortgage famine.

tially lower.

Mr Sellick said it had to be remembered that the investor's capital may, over the years, have been croded because interest did not keep pace with inflation. The borrower in the same period would have seen the value of his house increase

1300 to leave

ling-Burbach GmbH will lay off 1.300 employees this year, partly as a result of the partial closure of two steel-making plants, a company spokesman said.

Burmach-eich-Dudelange SA of Luxembourg and Roechling In-Verwaitung Saarbrücken.

20,000, 400 will be dismissed, 400 will leave voluntarily and 500 will be pensioned off, the The steelworks has worked

from 1975, but this is now concentrated in the ordinary low carbon steel sector. At Easter there was a near

shutdown which will be reneated in August for the company summer holiday because of the situation in the steal in- of the refuse. dustry. The sookesman said the com-

pany expects to show a loss in 1976, but lower than 1975's DM 138m (about £34m) loss on DM 138m (about £34m) loss on turnover of DM 1.750m and steel production of £49 million of about £600,000, had run its tonnes crude and 1.91 million tonnes rolled. Final 1976 figures have not yet been released .-

UK in joint £140m deal to sort out Arab rubbish

Recruitment has started for Recruitment has started for the army of more than 2,000 workers, which together with 300 dustcarts, 200,000 dustbins and other equipment are needed to take on what is described as the "world's largest public services project".

The contract awarded care

lier this year to a partnership of Pritchard Services Group, Britain's largest industrial cleaner, and Waste Management Inc of Chicago, is to take over rubbish collection and dis-posal for Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia.

almost worth as much as the entire British contract cleaning industry and is the biggest it has ever encountered. Wand has ever encountered. Wand bills in the heavily labour intensive cleaning trade are gen-erally estimated to account for more than 50 per cent of costs. Pritchard, which is respon-

vel and have knowledge of Arabic or Urdu.
Also under way are the vast

One of the early tasks is to work out the most suitable refuse containers for householders, street markets and other traders and to organize the appropriate frequency for collection. A special new waste tip is being built for disposal

According to Mr Peter Prir-chard, the company's chairman, this is the first time that a city has contracted out its entire own cleansing department. Patricia Tisdall

Sir Eric prepares his reply By John Brennan

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RICK ANS

Sir Eric Miller spent much of Jesterday with his lawyers, Oppetheimer, Nathan & Vandyk, mmering out the final details of a letter to the shareholders of Peachey Property Corpora-

Sir Eric, accused on Friday of misleading his fellow directors over expenditure of £282,000, plans to fight the board's call for his resignation at the group's annual meeting next

It is understood that Sir Eric is to take the advice of John Addey Associates, the public relations group, in his campaign to be reelected and that his letter to shareholders refuting criticism of his personal dealings with the company and breaking his two-week silence about the boardroom row will be published early this week. A spokesman for Peachey confirmed yesterday that the board

would be required to give Sir Eric "the courtesy of reply" to his fellow directors' call for his dismissal and that the group could arrange for circulation Apart from a brief statement

rejecting the call for his resignation Sir Eric has not yet commented on revelations in Peacher's accounts that he had tepaid over £200,000 of personal debts to the group, or Friday's claim that he had misled the board over the expenditure of a further £282,000.

Lord Mais, Peachey's chairman, and Barclays Merchant Bank, recently appointed as financial advisers to the group, claim to have support from sufficient institutional share-holders to defeat Sir Eric's attempt to remain on the

The snares rose 3p to 47 p yesterday on renewed speculative interest, despite the board's continuous denials of any take-

Wall St closes

Stocks led the decline for the third consecutive session. Reasons for the selling included inflation worries, concern over tighter credit conditions

US supports boost for IMF resources

From Frank Vogi US Economics Correspondent

Washington, April 25.-The United States administration fully supports the creation of a new facility to strengthen the financial resources of the juternational Monetary Fund. It also supports a substantial

rise in IMF member country quotas, bur it opposes a new allocation of special drawing rights (SDR) "at this time". Mr Anthony Solomon, Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs at the United States Treasury,

said these would be the main topics of detailed discussion at the meetings here on Thursday and Friday of the IMF's interim committee of finance ministers. He suggested that final agreements are unlikely this week and he noted that boosting IMF reserves is not a desperate or urgent " matter.

Mr Solomon told a press con-ference that the IMF can still draw some SDR 2,500m under the General Arrangements to SDR 14,000m is a Borrow and that its resources in my opinion ".

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How the markets moved

12p to 129p 6p to 182p 50p to 152p 11p to 74p

will be strengthened by some SDR 5,000m to SDR 6,000m when new quota rises take affect, which is now likely to happen by the end of this year at the latest.

He noted that negotiations on a further quota rise are still at a further quota rise are still at an early stage and must be completed by next February. The minimum proposal made by some countries is for a 20 to 25 per cent quota increase.

Most countries now take the view that a quota rise of 75 to 100 per cent as suggested by

100 per cent, as suggested by Dr Johannes Witteveen, manag-ing director of the IMF, is more than is necessary, while the United States "is open-minded and flexible on this question". Mr Solomon said a series of international discussions have now taken place on the creation of a financial support facility for the IMF, as proposed by Dr

Witteveen. The treasury official outlined the main features of the facility that already seem to be widely agreed upon and here, he pointed out, with regard to its size, that "SDR 8,000m to SDR 14,000m is a realistic range

Rowton Hotels 12p to 122p

Gold was \$1.25 an ounce down at 5148.625. SDR-5 was 1.16069 on Monday

S148.625. SDR-5 was 1.16069 on Monday while SDR-E was 0.675448. Commodities: Coffee prices went into retreat. Reuter's index was at 1735.6 (previous 1735.8). Reports, pages 21, 22 and 23

Thermal Syn Utd Scientific

9p to 118p 6p to 206p 7p to 177p

Three held over Swiss bank losses

a lot of persuading to do."

Zurich, April 25.-Three executives of the Chiasso, Tessin, subsidiary of the Credit Suisse Bank, were held by police today for alleged involvement in a financial scandal, according to reliable sources.

They said the three men, earlier suspended from their

earlier suspended from their jobs by the bank's central management, were faced with charges of breach of Swiss banking legislation.

The Credit Suisse Bank meanwhile issued a statement in which it said money deposited with its Chiasso subsidiary had been kept outside the bank's economic and illegisted. the bank's accounts and illeg-ally placed with a Llechtenstein financing company known as Texon, which had invested the funds.

The statment said the Credit Suisse Bank had taken over the assets of some companies in which Texon held a stake. But it neither confirmed nor denied that the fraud involved a total amount of 250m Swiss francs, as reported in informed banking circles here.

The Times index: 173.20-0.50

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In brief

a fortnight.

In British Leyland Mirror, the group's newspaper, he said:
"The vital thing is to plead our case. It is one thing to write the report, but persuading people to accept our recommentation of motor industry executives outside Leyland. They include the report, but persuading people to accept our recommentation of BL who has just returned from a

lower growth rate

who has just returned from a on importing such facilities three-year contract with a from Western Europe and the

Washington's Office of Management and Budget has officially confirmed changes in the Administration's economic forecasts that government economists have been privately indicating over the last month. The forecasts show that the

forecasts.

Inflation is officially forecast at 6.7 per cent this year and 5.6 per cent next year. The current fiscal year's budget deficit is now set at \$20,000m (about £11.765m) below the February forecast level at \$43,700m.

Shell petrol pump prices up today

are likely to rise between 2.5p and 3.5p a gallon from today following the company's decision to increase wholesale prices from midnight. It is putting an extra 3.1p a gallon on five star petrol which will probably be rounded up to 3.5p a gallon at the numbs with 3.5p a gallon at the pumps with the inclusion of VAT. All

used for beating and industrial purposes will go up by 2p a

gallon.

Light fuel oil prices will rise by 3p a gallon but the increase on medium and heavy fuel oil will be contained at 1.5p

Fears of shipyard cut

About 150 shipyard workers employed by Robb Caledon, the Scottish east coast shipbuilding group, face redundancy next week because of the company's lack of orders. Management and union officials were yesterday involved in talks over the phasing of the redundancies which will principally affect those workers who were until recently covered by the Government's temporary employment subsidy.

Dismissal pay warning

Unfair dismissal awards could cost employers 150m this year it was claimed yesterday. Employers' Protection Insur-ance Services, of Walton-on-

By Derek Harris

A Barrow Hepburn Group
(BHG) shareholders' meeting
yesterday agreed to a prospective deal under which the
National Enterprise Board
plans to give 13m support to
the company's tanning interests.
The meeting was held against
a background of legal action
against the NEB by a group of

The meeting was held against a background of legal action against the NEB by a group of other tenners which is questioning the legality of the deal.

Now the shareholders have backed the agreement, the NEB nuder which the NEB plans to would be expected fully to complete its side of the deal by next Monday. This leaves the tank option for delaying the agreement's completion after agreement's completion agreement's completion agreement's completion. originating summons to seek ment of a declaration from the High industry.

Monday. This leaves the tan-ners' Products, would favour ners group with a big decision. the BHG tanning interests in-The group has issued an corporated in BTP to the detri-

German steel plants Voelklingen, West Germany, April 25.—Stahlwerke Roech-

The company is jointly owned by Arbed Acieries Réunies de

Of the total workforce of

spokesman said. short-time in different sectors

The contract, awarded car-

Valued at around £140m, the

five-year renewable contract is Pritchard, which is respon-sible for organizing the labour end of the Riyadh deal, expects to need about 2.000 recruits by the end of the year.

Of these 60 will be man-sgers, mostly from Britain. For

sgers, mostly from Britain. For the remainder, Pritchard, which already has wide experience of haudling mixed nationality workers for other, smaller cleaning contracts such as Feathrow Airport, is looking to Ecypt, Pakistan and South Korea. Top of its immediate list are

managers to recruit and train (salary £8,000 to £13,000 tax free) who are prepared to tra-

back-up services of housing, medical services, and insurance needed for a work-force of this size. Facilities are needed for the people and for the £15m worth of equipment. Main-tenance workshops with adequate spare parts will be installed to keep the fleet of specialized cleansing vehicles on the streets.

Washington forecasts

United States.

The forecasts show that the immediate economic prospects are slightly worse than was predicted officially in early February.

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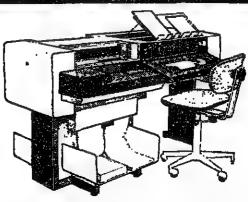
Real gross national product is seen as rising by 4.9 per cent this year (down 0.5 per cent from earlier forecasts) and by 5.6 per cent in 1978 (up 0.2 per cent). Unemployment is seen as averaging 7.2 per cent and 6.4 per cent in 1977 and 1978 respectively, which is a shade higher than earlier forecasts.

Pump prices for Shell petrol

Thames, Surrey, made the claim when announcing insurance against compensation awards made by industrial tribunals and employment appeal tribunals. It also covers conciliation proceedings and legal fees.

Barrow shareholders vote for NEB £3m deal

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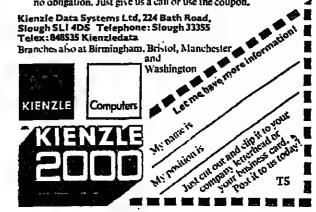


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session. Dollar premium 122.0 per cent leffective rate 46.007 per cent). Sterling was 6 pts up at \$1.7170. The effective rate was 61.7 per at low for year On other pages Business appointments

Wall Street dropped sharply yesterday, closing at its low for the year. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.47 points to 914.60 on trading of 20,440,000 shares.

Institutional selling of leading blue chips and glamour storks led the decline for the

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Hopes of a solution to the 10-day-old strike at Ford's Halewood plant were raised last night after day-long peace

discussions adjourned until today after a company spokesman said clarification had been reached on certain points in the disputes procedure which sparked off the stoppage.

The strike has halted all production and cost 6,000 Escorts worth £12m.

It began after 10 craftsmen were suspended for one day for leaving work early without permission.

A company spokesman could not say whether there had been any the wider issue of separate negotiaitons on pay and conditions which is being urged natinoally by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. Only the transmission shop is

stil working at the Liverpool plant. The gearboxes manufactured there are being stock-

At Jaguar, Leyland has had to lay off more than 5,000 workers in its car assembly and components plants because of a strike by 80 internal truck drivers, who are demanding reclassification into a higher pay

At the weekend the striking drivers held a meeting at which they decided to continue their stoppage, but they are to meet

Carter stance upsets British hopes of switch on fibres pact

Industrial Correspondent

European hopes of a change in the United States attitude towards the renegotiation of the Gatt Multi-Fibre Arrangement were dashed in London yesterday by a senior official of the Carter Administration.

Mr Robert Strauss, special representative for trade negotiations, said : "We seek a renewal without change of the MFA." The agreement was necessary because "if there were nothing -how do we so about solving the problem of textile trade?

In the past few weeks there have been signs, in the face of growing American textile industry and worker concern, that the United States was shifting its ground and would support,

achieve a fundamental renegoriation of the textiles pact.

Meanwhile, strong demands that the Government stand firm plans to prevent the disruption of the European clothing market by cheap imports were made yesterday by the United Kingdom clothing industry.

The British Clothing Industry Council for Europe called on the Government to take a tough. stand in the forthcoming negotiations in Geneva on the arrangement. The arrangement was introduced three years ago to promote the orderly development of trade in textiles between the developed and developing worlds.

Clothing industries throughout Europe and particularly Britain have seen their share their domestic markets steadily eroded by the inflow

developing countries.

But in a statement resterday the organization insisted that the EEC's negotiating mandate at the talks must include proposals to end the danger of cumulative disruption of the EEC clothing market

At the heart of the industry's concern is the worry that markets for individual can be disrupted by the large number of suppliers, many of whom may individually supply only relatively small volumes. Under the terms of the present MFA the smaller suppliers cannot be dealt with

Britain and France have so far taken the lead in insisting that a solution must be found. with broad agreement from most other member states apart West Germany and Denfrom

Whitehall 'delayed' BSC growth

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Delays and interference by ministers and Whitehall in the 10-vear development strategy of the British Steel Corporation

have been attacked by the Pub-lic Enterprise Group.

The group, an independent organization which evaluates the role of the public sector, stated in a detailed memorandum on the BSC's activities that super-vising departments in Whitehall have interfered too much. They not only imposed avoid-

delayed decision making, but also curtailed the corporation's freedom to act at the time it considered to be commercially most appropriate.

It cited the decision on the Redcar blast furnace as one of the worst instances of government prevarication. Expected to be lit in spring, 1975, the furnace is three years behind schedule, partly by delays in decision-making in Whitehall. The result is that steelmaking and rolling facilities on Tees-

of a shortage of hot iron.

The independent body said Committee investigating the BSC in relation to technological change, that the delays in decision-making by Government had slowed the pace of innova-

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, will have an opportunity romorrow to defend the Government's position when he appears before the all-party committee of MPs.

ICL mid-range sales 'exceed expectations'

computer, the medium-sized member of the 2900 family. have "exceeded expectations" since its announcement in March, 1976, the company has reported.

A total of 55 of the 2960 systems together worth £45m have been ordered, of which 14 systems worth £12.5m are for export. Eighteen of the machines, worth £15.5m, are for customers in the public sector.

Among recent 2960 orders are a 1750.000 machine for the management services division of ke.'s Engineering Group Newcastle upon Tyne; a a: Newcastle upon Tyne; a 2650.000 unit for Dudley Metro-politan Borough Council; and a 21.1m dual system for NMW Computers, the Manchester stockbroking computer bureau. To simplify the transition to the Model 2960 for users of earlier UCL computers (1900) sucies and System 4), the com-

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Machine Environment (DME). This enables a 1900 or System user to transfer his workload directly on to a 2960 with only minor changes to his pro-

Other recent ICL developments have involved machines both larger and smaller than the 2960. At the large end of the scale, the European Space Agency has decided to continue to handle data from the forthcoming Meteosat weather satellite programme. A switch to IBM equipment had earlier been a possibility.

At the small end, Nouvelles Galleries and Bazar de Hotel de Ville, a group of French department stores, has ordered egries and System 4), the com-pany has introduced new operat-ing software known as Direct These are ex-Singer products

which are now being actively marketed by ICL following its 1976 Singer Business Machines

Data Logic expands

In a reorganization designed to handle expanding specialist activities, Data Logic, Greenford, Middlesex, bas split its finance division into separate divisions; and has recruited Mr John McNeil to develop three new functions within the company's technical support group.

The software house's three new technical areas are concerned with computer networks, distributed systems and microcomputers. Mr McNeil, formerly with Logics and before that with Scicon, will be concerned with these functions. and will have special responsibility for computer networks.

New Geest service Geest Computer Services, which operates bureaux in Cambridge, Birmingham and Peterbusiness which will provide and install minicomputer-based business systems. This will run in parallel with the bureaux.

Mr Charles Cox, managing director of Geest Computer Services, is moving to Cam-bridge Instrument Company as fin.nce director and deputy chief executive. His role at Geest is being assumed by Mr Philip Wainwright, chief executive of the company.

New Systime model

Systime, Leeds, have announced a more powerful model in the company's range of business computer systems. Known as the Series 6000, it is based on the Digital Equipment PDP 11/60 processor.

Depending on the facilities provided, Series 6000 systems will cost from £100,000 to expected to begin next

Kenneth Owen

Ezra call for flexibility on employee participation

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board and the British Institute of Management, yesterday warned the Government that employee participation, if it was to be effective, could not be imposed.

Delivering the Standard Telephones and Cables Communications lecture at the Savoy Hotel in London, Sir Derek said that industry should be encouraged to choose from the variety of patterns of employee participation now emerging.

The Bullock report had been published at a time when industry was already making considerable progress in participation arrangements in a variety of ways.

The restrictive terms reference and conclusions of the Bullock report did not reflect this and that was why the BIM had opted for a flexible solution.

Sir Derek said that his study of the different examples of participation led him to number of conclusions.

The first point that emerged was the variety of approaches.
"It is undoubtedly the case that participation arrangements have succeeded most where they have been carefully and conscientiously tailored to meet the circumstances of the particular enterprise." enterprise."

The second point was that the most meaningful forms of participation had been de-veloped at plant level. "The nearer one gets to the work-place, the more effective is the pulling power of involvement.".

Interest rates on Industry Act loans reduced

Br Malcolm Brown The maximum rate of interest relief grant and interest rates for loans under section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 were reduced yesterday.

The Department of Industry

said that the rate of interest relief grant available in those cases where it would be appropriate to allow the equivalent of an interest free period ou a department loan but where companies obtained their finance from other sources, was to be reduced from 121 per cent to 12 per cent for each interest free year.

The concessionary rate of interest on loans for employment creating projects has been re duced from 9; per cent to 9 per cent while the broadly commercial rate of interest on loans for modernization projects not providing additional employment has been cut from 12; per cent to 12 per cent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sauce for the Japanese goose

From Mr R. A. Ashworth
Sir, Mrs Margaret Thatcher's
forthright remarks to her
Japanese hosts on the subject
of the Anglo-Japanese trade
imbalance brought more sharply into focus what has been
caid by sever polyticion said by every politician, Department of Trade official and representative of industry to have visited Tokyo over the

course of the past seven years. It must, by now, be a rather well-worn record but it would appear that the Japanese still do not recognize the time. I must, at this point, declare prejudice as one who has spent over seven years in

Japan, primarily associated with the import of British goods into that country. In that period the British that period the British community in Tokyo listened as each successive visitor forcibly expressed concern at the continuing trade deficit with Japan and, equally forcibly, rejected any suggestion of unilateral restrictions on the flow of Japanese goods into

this country.

The conventional wisdom demanded that we pursue agreements for voluntary restraint and orderly marketing. At the same time, the DII have offered sterling support to exporters and it is undoubtedly true that, but for their exhortations, the trade gap would have been even larger. Yet at the end of the day we still have a £350m trade deficit

and a massive increase in the flow of Japanese goods into this country.

In your edition of March 30 you published a letter signed jointly by Mr Hamish McGhie of the DIT's Exports to Japan Unit and Mr Riu20 Tanaka, advising of the services of an Angle Language exports additional property and processes of the services of the se Anglo Japanese exports advi-sory board. While the prospec-tive exporter should obviously avail himself of any assistance he should be fully aware such bodies are, in Japanese eyes, entirely unofficial and serve

only as a public relations exer-cise to staunch further criti-cism of Japan's protectionist atticudes. The trade areas where a significant volume increase in studies in Europe as they have exports could be made—for in the United States. However, example, foodstuffs, ethical I feel that we in Britain pharmaceuricals, agricultural should also make a greater

lations and registration state requirements which virtually Ha

I now believe that the most effective way of obliging the Yours faithfully, Japanese to dismantle their PETER GREY. Japanese own protective barriers would be to deny them ready access School of Humanities, to our own markets. A clear Bedford College of Higher and undeniable case exists for either the immediate imposition of stringent quotas on all Japanese goods or the levying : of dracoman levels of import duty. Were the boot on the other foot, the other foot, the Japanese Government would have no hesitation in taking similar action with the absolute justifi-

necessary for the protection of their own industry. Perhans Mr Dell might note that what is sauce for the goose is equally nourishing for the gander. Yours faithfully ROBERT ASHWORTH 31 Little Green, Alverstoke.

April 21.

cation that such measures were

From Mr P. Grey
Sir, I agree with your comment (first leader, April 19)
that "in the coming decades
our relations with Japan are
bound to be closer and to manter even more than our rela-tions with China". In recent years there has been a growth in non-European studies in schools and colleges but, so far, Japan has been largely ignored despite the enormous importance of that country in

the world's economy.
In their letter of April 21
Mr Roderick MacFarquhar and Mr John Roper rightly note that it would be to Japan's advantage to promote Japanese

all still meticulously protected Kabn has aptly called "the by a bewildering maze of regu- emerging Japanese super-

requirements which virtually force the foreign company into a disadvantageous and frequently unprofitable partnership. Despite Mr Milward's assertions (The Times, April 21) there is no way that present practice could be knowledge of a nation that described as "minor" irribitory for several years now, I have been struck by the interest of students in the subject but, at the same time, I have been 'dismayed by their almost total lack of initial present practice could be knowledge of a nation that like it or not, is playing an increasingly important role in Having taught Japanese his increasingly important role in

Senior Lecturer, Education. April 21.

From Mr R Storry Sir, The plea by Messrs Mac-Farquiar and Roper (April 21), that Japanese businessmen consider allocating funds for the development of Japanese studies, may have given your readers the impression that, so far as Britain is concerened, the business world in Japan has displayed not the smallest sign of imaginative

philanthropy. This is not so. The Mitsui Company, for example, has in recent years made a number of generous grants to Oxford, Cambridge, Birmingham and other universities for the development of Japanese studies.

velopment of Japanese studies.

Moreover, it may not be generally known that, in 1973, the Prime Minister of Japan gave this country, specifically for the promotion of Japanese studies, the sum of \$1m. At least a substantial proportion of that sum was raised from business circles in Japan.

Finally, it should be pointed out that the Japan Foundation.

out that the Japan Foundation, very active in furthering Japanese studies not only in Britain but also in France and Germany, acquired much of its initial tapital thanks to the goodwid of the business world as well as the Japanese Government. Yours sincerely, RICHARD STORRY,

Se Antony's College, Oxford

A free day's work instead of strike?

From Mr P. G. Edwards Sir. About 10,000 Scottish shipbuilding workers went on a one-day strike on April 19 in protest at the lack of a plan for their in-

combat fears of possible wide-spread redundancies, shop stewards led by Mr Airlie, of Govan Shipbuilders, are hoping to demonstrate their solidarity by a one-day national strike across the industry, which will probably coincide with Vesting Day, July 1. In public owner-ship since July, 1972, Govan's losses during 1975 (the last published accounts) were total and £18,145,000 over the three and a half years for which published accounts are available.

shop stewards persuaded their members to work an extra day, ball day, or an extra shift, without pay to demonstrate their determination to ensure their industry's survival unscathed in the future, and girimate prosperity. unprecedented Such

would transform attitudes within the industry "at a stroke" (pardon the phrase), and would give British shipowners real encouragement to build at home instead of in foreign yards. Furthermore, such an event could be the turning point in our economic fortunes; for by its example it Dunford Hadfields Ltd, would be of immeasurable Brown Bayley Steels Ltd. benefit to British industry as a East Hecla Works, Shaffield S9 whole and would open the eyes How refreshing it would be of the world, our customers.

if, instead of taking a day off

Such action would also be
work and walking the streets, worthy of an industry that has a great past and despite cur-rent difficulties, could still have a great future, worthy of the skills and ability of all those employed in it. It would also do more than anything else to reduce the number of possible redundancies. Have the shop stewards the

guts to take up such a chal-lenge? I believe the majority have, and it is up to management to tell them why they should do so. Yours faithfully

PETER G. EDWARDS. Chairman and Managing Direc-

tor, Dunford Hadfields Ltd.

Chairman of the Weir Group Ltd., for the 52 weeks ended

achieved in circumstances which were unfavourable for most of our operating companies. The overall pattern is in line with our long-term strategy and shows continued improvement in steel foundries and engineering, it is still too early to see the significant description plant confitthe significant desalination plant profits which we expect in future years. New orders booked in 1976 amounted to £152 million and the Group entered 1977 with an order book of £151 million. Desalination plant represented a large part of both figures.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES For Weir Pumps Ltd. competition abroad was severe, but there were some notable export successes and exports accounted for a record proportion of new orders. In the face of severe problems for the

whole industry our steel foundries produced an excellent performance, showing an improvement in profit of 37%, largely by increasing their market share and by energetic efforts in promoting export business. Their success vindicated the policy of

investing heavily in our steel foundries efficiency and 'competitive ability. In the market conditions abroad we should have been unable to compete effectively had we not made this investment.

In desalination the highlight of the year was the award to Weir Westgarth Ltd. of a contract for a project in Saudi Arabia worth £40 million for four plants each producing 5 million gallons of fresh water per day. Activity in desalination continues at an exceptionally high lavel.

PROSPECTS

increased export business should give us the opportunity to make at least a modest advance in profits during 1977. Because of the timing of contract completions it is almost certain that performance in the second half of the year will be better than in the first half. year will be better than in the first half. As to the longer term, the next few years should bring increasing profits from our desalination business, while the Group's earnings in general should benefit from our heavy and continuing investment programme.

	1976 £'000	1975 £'000	
TURNOVER	138121	107805	
Profit before interest and tax	. 10639	8427	
Interest	3136	3222	
Profit before tax	7503	8205	
Tax	3292	2018	
Profit after tax	4211	4187	
Profit attributable to minority interests	378	352	
Profit before extraordinary items	3833	. 3835	
Extraordinary items	789	112	
Profit attributable to Weir Group	4622	3947	
Dividends — 4.3p per share (1974: 3.85p)	1172	908	
Earnings per share	16.1p	- 19.6p	
Shareholders' Capital and Reserves	31221	25320	

Weir Group — pumps, power plant auxiliaries, valves, steel castings, metal pattern equipment, hydraulic and pneumatic seals, aircraft equipment, water desalination plant. Group companies employing 11,000, in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Holland...

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, The Weir Group Ltd., Cathcart, Glasgow G44 4EX.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

Oueensland Alumina Holdings N.V.

61/2 Secured Bonds Due 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the Queensland Alumina Holdings N.V. Collateral Trust Indenture dated as of June 1, 1907, as supplemented, U.S. 8800,000 principal amount of the above described Sonds have been selected for redemption on June 1, 1977, in Hen of a redemption for the purpose of the Sinking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, logether with accrued interest to said date, as follows:

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Coupons due June 1, 1977 should be detached and collected in the usual manner. On and after June 1, 1977, interest shall coase to accrue on the Bonds herein designated for redemption. QUEENSLAND ALUMINA HOLDINGS N.V. By WILLIAM HOBBS, Managing Director

owes much to increased efficiencies and

Overseas. Our Australian and Canadian

companies continued to make satisfac-

tory progress and our U.S. company made

cost savings made during the year.

a small profit for the first time.

Dated: April 26, 1077

Ofrex Group Limited

Report and counts from: The Secretary. Ofrex Grcup Limited, Ofrex house, Stepher Street, London WIATEA

Extracts from Mr George Drexler's statement

Sales were up by 18% to £24,904,000. At home. All of our principal marketing pre-tax profits up by 28% to £2,186,000 companies made progress during 1976. and net earnings up by 36% to the buggest single improvement being in £1.104.000. The increase in net earnings - at twice the rate of increase in sales -

Prospects. The last three full trading months of 1977 have started well and almost all companies in the group have reported record sales. Given stable conditions I am confident that 1977 will further consolidate our growth both in turnover and profes.

Industrial fastening, marking; office and educational machines and



Clydesdale Bank

BASE RATE

Clydesdale Bank Limited announces that with effect from 26th April, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is

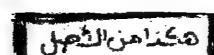
being reduced from 9½% to 9% per annum.

Hill Samuel Base Rate

Hill Samuel & Co Limited announce that with effect from today, Tuesday, April 26, 1977, their Base Rate for leading will be reduced from 9; per cent to 9 per cent per annum.

Interest payable under the Bank's Demand Deposit Scheme on sums of £500 up to £100,000 will be at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. Interest rates for larger amounts will be quoted on application.

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after union.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Laing falters in the Middle East

Foreign construction losses took the shine from news of a 29 per cent rise in John Laing's pretax profits to £16.25m last ear. Overseas contracting, which accounted for over a fifth of 1976's £406m turnover, produced a £137,000 trading loss and, more significantly, revived fears that, for Laing at least, Middle East hopes may have exceed out. nctered out.

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stie der ale men Hopes that work in the Hiddle East would partially counter-balance the effects of the building recession at home the building recession at home have buoyed up construction shares, and Laing's experience of mexpectedly high cost inflation in Saudi Arabia, a faltering pace of contract placements in Iran and ever rising costs of tendering for ever fewer jumbo contracts, sent a chill through the sector.

But disappointing as the overseas results are. Laing inited Kingdom business more than made up the shortfall last year. The building and civil regineering side more than doubled its contribution to 110.5m, the construction materials business produced \$1.7m more at £3.1m and the property arms produced \$1.2m from development and £3.1m investment income. Around half of the United

kingdom building work is in the public sector and local anthority housebuilding contracts helped maintain, at least in money terms, a year-end order book of £400m. Stripping out three long-term civil engineering contracts accounting for £125m or so of that total the forward order book in seal terms looks rather less. real terms looks rather less impressive.

And worries about the group's ability to keep up momentum both at home and abroad overshadowed news of a property valuation surplus adding £26.5m to investment properties and additional liquidity of £14.6m taking net cash resources to £26.8m. The property surplus, which will not be taken into the accounts, boosts net assets per share to over 160p, providing more support for the shares, at 92p down 2p on the results, than a 4.7 per cent yield. abroad overshadowed news of 4.7 per cent yield. Final: 1976 (1975) 1.7 pe.
Final: 1976 (1975)
Capitalization 549.5m
Turnover £406m (£348m)
Pre-tax profits £16.25m
(£12.59m)

Earnings per share 14.8p (12.8p)
Dividend gross 4.34p (2.27p)

William Baird Concentrating on textiles

shall and sold its 20 per cent stake in Butterfield-Harvey in 1976, William Baird is now all but exclusively a textile com-nany. Only the industrial division (principally involved in the manufacture and installation of insulation materials, and providing 22.5 per cent of last year's profit before interest and perating: expenses) provides my real competition.

This is the way William Baird wants it to be, whichgiven the traditional cyclicality f the textile trade—looks at first sight like a management aberration. Baird is not making my claim to immunity from the cycle: but it does claim that its exposure is limited.

This is because the United Kingdom manufacturing side of the business, into which Thomas Marshall has glotted to the satisfaction of all parties (though the first nine months) performance of this acquisition was somewhat mundane) is principally a supplier to the United Kingdom multiples, the likes of Marks & Spencer, Littlewoods and British Home



Mr Harry Crassman, chairman of BSG International; satisfactory volume will be hard to

Stores, whose trade tends to be

relatively little affected by the ups and downs of consumer spending.

Where Baird is vulnerable is in its 29.7 per cent stake in Joseph Dawson, whose recent spectacular profitability shows through in a contribution up. through in a contribution up from \$14,000 to \$1.82m, but whose dependence on overseas business will inevitably meen some peaks and troughs. Still, Joseph Dawson appears

to be going strong for the moment—too strong for Baird to consider launching the long-mooted takeover in the near future, and the more so as the acquisition of Marshall, its working capital requirements, and its borrowings have left the year-end balance-sheet rather higher geared than it was at the end of 1975. This, however, presents no real problems in the context of hopes for "further progress" this year, and a dividend which is already well-covered, and provides an well-covered and provides an attractive 9.9 per cent yield at

129p. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization E17.7m Sales E81.72m (£55.05m) Pre-tax profits £4.83m (£1.77m) Earnings per share 22.1p (9.7p) Dividend gross 12.79p (11.62p)

BSG International Scope in the dividend

BSG International is still pay-Having closed down the Sierra dividend it would be allowed under the Treasury's "recovery shall and sold its 20 and shall and shall and sold its 20 and shall an would be covered more than are coming through strongly and BSG's high financial gearing transforms a 29 per cent advance at the trading level to doubled pre-tax profits. But, as with Lex Service group, there is only so far the share price of a without a saberaptial reduction

Higher prices mean more working capital as well as fatter cash margins, and subough with film of assets sales underlying horrowings were reduced by £3m, there is no way that eash flow from trading can ever make a real dent in borrowings which were 330 per cent of shareholders' funds as the year

manulacturing viding 37 per cent of profits, however, and the car sents division turning round from losses in the second half, trading is moving up from a strong base. That maximum dividend could be being held back as a sweetener with improved conversion for the gurranding 55 9m. terms for the outstanding 56.9m

unsecured loan stock, which would make a difference to the balance sheet rath s. Meanwhile, a current yield of 8.8 per cent 41 28 p compares with 14.9 per cent on the convertible, which looks a better bet on all counts.

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £11.1m. Soles £161m (£125.3m). Pre-tex profits [4.7m (52.3m), Earnings per share 5.36p (2.5p), Dundend gross 2.5p (1.0p),

Simon Engineering Strong in a weak market

Simon Engineering's profits are up 58 per cent at £10,6m during a year when business activity was weak and the volume content in a 21 per cent increase in sales could not have been above 7 per cent. So, margins at the trading level were sharply better.

Judging from the minorities charge, profits from Immingham were only marginally improved. machinery benefited from increased productivity, but it looks like the best gains came from an improved mix on the contracting side. Large contracts are taken on

fee and reimbursable basis, which cuts down the risk, and allows some profit to be raken during the course of production. Cash flow is coming through well and the balance sheet is strong, so more business rould be comfortably financed, and with the world economy on a rising trend and more than 60 per cent of its business overseas, Simon could be making 115m or so this year. At 166p, then, up 4p, the shares are on a prospective pre-ratio of 42 and yielding 6.4 per-cent. They have been a strong market recently and could go

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £33.9m Sales £199m (£164m) Pre-tax profits £10.6m (£6.7m) Earnings per share 26.6p (13.6p) Dividend gross 10.7p (9.7p)

Christie's

The wheel

Fortunes can change quickly in the art world. Having intro-duced a controversial buyer's premium to boost profit margins in grim 1975 conditions. Christie's International suddenly found itself in the midst of a world-wide boom.

London sales value in fact increased 45 per cent to £42m against a climb of nearer 25 per cent to £121m in Geneva and Holland which resulted in exchange gains of some £282,000. A firmer sterling rate may of

course limit current year pro-gress although the London market remains extremely buoyahr Meanwhile, first sales in the new New York saleroom-un-relieved costs of which are largely responsible for the leap in the tax charge from 47 to is the tax charge from 47 to 555 per. cent—are planned for mid-May. Breaking into the American business is believed to have cost less than £1m and this sum could be quickly re-

rouped so long as American collectors do not find the con-tinental buyer's premium sys-tem too much of a deterrent. The shares however are back in their year's high of 70p after vesterday's 1p climb and do not seem to offer a great deal of scope on a p/e ratio of 8.8 and a yield of 6.4 per cent.

Final: 1976 Capitalization £14.3m Sales £11.5m (£7.2m) Pre-tax profits £3.66m (£1.9m) Earnings per share 7.94p (4.86p) Dividend gross 4.51p (4.1p)

Assessing Volvo's production methods at Kalmar much-discussed Volvo design stage. While improve-

The much-discussed Volto assembly plant at Kalmar in Sweden is unquestionably an important development m in the dustrial design, a main concern being to enable the concept of autonomous working groups to operate under favourable conditions.

Three years after production started in February 1974, an independent joint working party from the employers' confederation of blue collar unions (LO), the metal workers' union and the engineering employers' association (VF) reviewed the Kalmar project. It is surprising to find in a plant with amenities of an exceptionably high standard, that of a 20 per cent sumple of the 630 employees, 20 per cent were dissatisfied with the personnel facilities and 51 per cent were dissatisfied with the personnel facilities and 51 per cent were expressed satisfaction with the highest positions.

The assembly plant at Kalmar in the ment is a continuing process, the impression to a vizitor is dustinuted because of a vizitor is dustinuted. Sale in the impression to a vizitor is dustinuted been achieved, especially in the almost elemination of noise and industrial drearises.

The Volvo philosophy has been dust fiving standards, it is natural for there to be appeared and living standards, it is natural for there to be appeared in a dispersion of increased job proves to that lebour turnover and absentecism would diminish advention:

The assembly vork is carried out in a number of self-that would also have a flexibility mould improve the same personnel for the provention on buttery of different functions, each with because of an exception on buttery of the work will be deciding how the work will be strain on the Volvo conventional production lines.

Within each workshop, for different functions, each with the personnel facilities and 51 per cent were dissatisfied with the air conditioning. Only 55 per cent were dissatisfied with the air conditioning for coffee breaks at the maintenance of agreed workshop strain from the control of the condition is on the condition in the control of the condition ceptionally high standard, that of a 20 per cent sample of the 630 employees, 20 per cent were dissatisfied with the noise levels, 29 per cent were dissatisfied with the personnel facilities and 51 per cent were dissatisfied with the air conditioning. Only 55 per cent expressed satisfaction with the working positions.

working positions.

These findings must be a disappointment to the company because these are precisely the aspects which received special attention and much consul-

their own discretion, subject to clated with the carrier system the maintenance of agreed (including the computer consumption of the same to be achieved.

The capital cost was about an availability of 96 per cent to be achieved.

Direct man-hours for each carrier system to be achieved.

Direct man-hours for each sibility for quality has not carried the same but at the many workers still believe this management were not entirely 24,000 cars a year, indirect to be a desirable feature. work outputs.

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Conventional plant of the same

The capital cost was about an availability of 96 per cent to be achieved.

Direct man-hours for each

There are fewer supervisors might well occur. per car at Kalmar than elsewhere in Voivo—each pair or trio of workshops has a fore-man and a resident technolo-gist. Many of the usual fore-man tasks—such as allocating work, training new starters and organizing supplies—are undertaken by the group. Kalmar has seen the emergence of team leaders who act both as spokesmen and unofficial supervisors: team leaders are now appointed by the company

An imaginative computer An imaginative computer system was designed to give feedback un quality to each working group; the computer system took longer to run in than expected and even now many sections prefer the feedmany sections prefer the feed-

agreement with the

man-nours at kalmar are tions or at final inspection are costs are expected to fall to about the same level as at Torstanda.

There are three functional councils for discussion on difcouncils for discussion on dif-ferent areas of the plant. Each working group elects one representative to the appro-priate functional council, a third of whose membership is drawn from management. A complaint is that represent-atives do not always succeed in passing information to their

passing information to their fellow workers.

The union is not involved in the functional councils but of course is active in the tradi-tional union-related areas.

Criticisms are not disguised but the general tone of the report is optimistic. Given a choice, one feels most workers in the car industry would select Kalmar. *The Volvo Kalmar Plant: The

Impact of New Design on Work Organization, by S. Aguren, R. Hansson, K. G. Karlsson (Rationalization Coun-cil SAF-LO, Stockholm). The author is Esmee Fairbairn, Research

ment. University of Strathelide.

In search of a solution to the financial problems of deficit nations

Two quite separate but equally vital problems will dominate the stage at this week's meetings in Washington of the International Monetary Fund. The danger is that the finance ministers of the world who meet there are confusing the two and in the process making it harder to resolve either of them.

The problem which will be hardest to solve is that the surplus of the oil-exporting countries is likely to stay at its present level of around \$40,000m or even increase, for many years to come.

The second problem is that the deficit which the rest of the world must automatically run as a counterpart of this is run as a counterpart of this is spread unevenly, with some industrial countries in the West running surpluses of their own while less well endowed industrial nations and all the developing world finds itself in a state of chronic deficit.

So far the problem has been met by a rising tide of borrowing by the countries in trouble, most notably those in the southern fringe of Europe and the elite of the developing

At the end of 1976, the less-developed countries had run up total debts of around up total debts of around \$180,000m. Until now, the com-mercial banks have been able mercial balks tave been able to finance the needs for ever greater borrowings, but their ability and willingness to do this are beginning to wear thin. As that happens, a deep structural problem is emerging, together with a realization that the official incitations do that the official institutions do not have the resources which are needed either to fill the gap or to help the commercial ector go on pluying its part.

There are even fears that the commitment of some banks is already so deep that their financial security is at risk. But as they try to cut down on their exposure, thus drying up the flow of funds to countries the flow of funds to countries in trouble, new dangers emerge. The countries which find it impossible to borrow are driven into desperate measures to try to restore their balance of payments, including trade protectionism and economic steemation There is a growing recogni-

tion that for everyone—surplus and deficit countries alike there is a need to have an adequate system of financing adequate system of financing those countries which run up deficies. This does not mean that everyone should be allowed to go on spending and borrowing as much as they like. Indeed, one of the weaknesses which most strong countries see in the present system

(000m US dollars)

that there is no practical half-way house between unconditional

What these strong countries unless they were prepared to meet the official conditions. The carrot is that the petential borrowers would subsequently want is to make sure that countries in trouble can get money, but to the it with condi-tions which will force them to adopt policies which are thought sensible. And to get the "conditionality" it is necessary to bring in official restrictions. be able to top up official loans in the commercial market. But to make this carrot attractive, official agencies like the IMF

ing to negotiate with commercial banks on its domestic poli cies, most are prepared to talk with bodies such as the IMF. The trouble is that these bodies are perilously short of funds for the demands made on them. The IMF itself has around \$3,000m in its vaults, with another \$1,000m or so in usable currencies other than the dollar. The General Arrangement to Borrow, which is a scheme for the Group of Ten rich countries has some thing like another \$3,000m. Since the total deficits in the world last year were around \$45,000m, the fund itself clearly does not have the resources to meet more than a small part of the problem.

Behind the proposals being considered is an attempt both to make more money available and underpin international banks, lending. Increasingly, the banks are expected to len only to those countries that bare received the seal of good housekeeping from the IMF-that is to say that they have borrowed from the fund and had its approval for their domestic economic and financial policies.

So far many of the develop ing countries have resisted obtaining any loans from the fund which have carried strin gent conditions, preferring loans. Nevertheless the banks are likely to remain the

SHIFTS IN GLOBAL STRUCTURE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES

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main source of money balance of payments financing. All this would involve both a ditional borrowing from com-mercial banks and total exclucarrot and a stick. The stick is that countries would not readsion for all sorts of funds. ily find the funds they need

resources for on-lending. Although no country is will-

The resources of the fund are much smaller than they have historically been given the size of the present global balance of payments deficit. Ten years ago the IMF was in a financial position to do twice as much to solve world deficit problem, as it is today.

One of the possible ways of increasing the money available is to increase IMF quotaswhich effectively set a member country's borrowing limit.
There is a growing likelihood that this week's key monetary conferences could lead to some agreement to increase quotus across-the-board by somewhere at the lower end of a range of between 25 and 50 per cent.

This is well short of what is being asked for by Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the fund, and insufficient to restore the fund's real capability. This is, however, seen as complementary to the special lending facility that Dr Witteveen has been trying to pull together in recent weeks. If successful this could make up to a further \$16,000m available through the fund.

But there are mounting doubts about the readiness of the surplus countries to stump up this cash. In particular, Saudi Arabia has appeared to

be much less enthusiastic than it did initially. Saudi Arabia's participation in Dr Witteveen's special facility is absolutely: critical to the scheme's success. This is for several reasons.

First, this country has more spare money than almost any-body else. Secondly, it was seen as the best way of establishing a mutual interest between Saudi Arabia and the western industrialized nations.

Lastly. It has been a condi-tion of the industrial surplus countries, like West Germany and Japan, that the money wanted by Dr Witteveen should be mer broadly 50 per cent each by them and the oil-rich nations.

It is not clear yet precisely why last-minute difficulties with Saudi Arabis should have developed. The hope is that this week's Washington meeting will be able to concentrate on establishing the details of how the special facility would work, leaving negotiations bework, leaving negotiations be-tween the fund and the likely creditor nations until later. This would at least allow the special facility scheme to fea-ture on next week's agendas.

> David Blake and Melvyn Westlake

Excellent sales and profits for BBA Group

- ☆ Group sales at £99,095,000 were 25.8% higher than in 1975, whilst
 Group profit before tax rose by 18.9% to £7,493,000. Direct exports, which represented 30% of sales from the U.K. companies, were £12.6 million. Sales by overseas companies, together with exports, totalled £69,573,000 and accounted for 70% of Group turnover. Profit was divided almost equally between the U.K. and
- * Profit after tax rose by 15.6% to £3,654,000 and a second interim dividend of 1.42p per share will be paid. If income tax is reduced to 33% the directors intend to increase the total dividend for 1976 to 2.18p per share (1.94p for 1975) covered 3.3 times by earnings.
- * Friction and Anti-friction materials World sales to the motor industry increased by 42%, and profits showed the very high increase of 89% over the previous year.
- Industrial Products Overall, on the industrial side, the year was a disappointing one, but we look for progress in this area during the current year.

"the Group profit for the whole of 1977 will again be higher."

Mr. Michael Pearson, Chairman.

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BANK OF SCOTLAND

BASE RATE

The Bank of Scotland intimates that, as from 26th APRIL 1977, and until further notice, its Base Rate will be decreased from nine and one half per cent per annum to NINE PER CENT PER ANNUM

LONDON OFFICES—DEPOSITS

The rate of interest on sums lodged for a minimum period of 7 days will be FOUR AND ONE HALF PER CENT PER ANNUM also with effect from 26th April.

Business Diary: Papering over the cracks

Alan Abelson, the writer of the Up & Down Street column of of Barrons, the American business and financial weekly. was in London yesterday with the teacher, the engineer and the banker adrift on a raft in board of his parent company, Dow Jones and Co Inc.

economic fundamentalism with

st \$500 an ounce, a teacher's \$600 and a broker's \$1,500.

"\$1,500!" the lady exclaimed, "Why so much?"

"My dear lady", the doctor



replied "Do you realize how many of them it takes to get an ounce of brains?" Then there was the one about

Abelson, the managing editor of Barrons, plays Sancho Panza to Milton Friedman's Don Omixote, dispensing right-wing end of a rope to the raft, dives ever heard and pulls the craft overboard and pulls the craft ashore as the sbarks obligingly

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delivered to an audience party
of bankers and brokers, but this
was no check to a financial
writer who in his time has been
threatened by the Mafia, propositioned by a lady investor
and sent—by a sporting type—
a deerskin with three bullet holes ringed in red. His jokes were followed by a

right wing jeremiad which, a Democratic president in the White House and a Labour PM in Number Ten notwithstanding, ended on a bullish-note for the United States and an equivocal one for the United Kingdom. "The palpable distrust of Mr-Carter by businessmen", Abelson declared, "argues for

restraint on their part" and impels the President to a remain congeniality towards For the United States he sees economy lasting at least this

Photographs by John Manning.

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Dow Jones's Abelson vesterday:

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gramme, he said it seemed spends me

curiously designed to achieve London. year and next.



. . and Bill Kerby: divorce.

the worst of both worlds " being inflationary and raising prices and deflationary in the disloca-tion it would mean for the car industry, the "lynch-pin" of the United States economy.

He placed his chips, he said, on the divisiveness of Congress and on the unity of the auto and petrol lobbies.

and petrol lobbles.

Abelson, an Anglophile to the
extent of drinking pale ale
rather than martini before
lunch, said he had little empirical knowledge of the United Kingdom but believed that things could come right if only because the people who saw disaster for this country (Friedman?) were usually wrong

about other things.

He quoted a friend who had
made his pile investing in world markets whose philosophy was: never invest in a place where you would like to live, and never live in a place a cyclical expansion to the you would like to invest economy lasting at least this "A good portion of his porfolio consists of Japanese stocks. Abelson said, "and he

spends most of his time in

which published not only Barron's but also the Wall Street Journal was equivocal not only about British business but about business as such. He has led the diversification of Dow Jones beyond finan-cial publications and into such "non-cyclical" products as text-books and local newspapers. Kerby said yesterday: "We have aimed at a divorce from the financial industry without abandoning the financial abandoning the industry."

Kerby, head of the company

GM's pipeline

Not speaking in London yester-day but likely to do a lot of listening in the near future is Robert Lockwood, who is to succeed Alexander Rhea as chairman of General Motors' European Advisory Council.

This is GM's pipeline into European business. Financial and economic thinking and a way of softening any of the blows to which a multinational of this group's size is heir.

GM manufactures in this country through Vauxhall, in West Germany through Opel, as well as in Belgium and France.

Lockwood is a lawyer who has been running the group's Nordic and central European administration. chairman of General Motors'

council is Sir Michael Clap-ham, chairman of Imperial

Metal and former president of the CBI. Song and dance The stock market has presumably adopted the spirit of that old show-business adage—" all swing publicity is good publicity "—in Pinch.

recent days.

Amid daily, and exceedingly unflattering, stories about the company's three leading assets—the pop singers Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck and

Gilbert O'Sullivan—in the Daily

its treatment of MAM shares in

Mirror, the group's share-price has been almost rock steady. Having racked up a few pence the previous week on news that the singers' former press agent Chris Hutchins was about to reveal all, the price did slip 4p to 59p after the accounts of "Tom Jones Superstud" and "Engelbert and the IRA" on Tuesday but bounced back up a couple pence the very next

The company's three supersongsters do not figure in depreciation figures but are nevertheless MAM's three most crucial assets despite diversification into hotels, amusement machines and even marinas. Thus the effect could be depressing should any members of the trio fall suddealy from ublic grace.
The market though presum-

ably believes that the present publicity is unlikely to bring about such a disaster or that, in the event, could promote lesser known artists from with-in the stable to fill the gulf. One MAM signing mentioned in the latest report and accounts who might fit the bill given the group's penchant for peculiar names could be a band leader who goes by the name of Terry

The secretary of the National Savines Committee is a Kenneth

Rate changes

NatWest announces that with effect from Tuesday, 26th April, 1977, its Base Rate is reduced from 9½% to 9% per annum.

Its Deposit Rate on all amounts lodged subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal is 4½% per annum.

Savings Accounts will now attract interest at 4!% per annum. All other rates remain unchanged.

The Royal Bank of Scotland INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from 26th April, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from 91% per annum to 9% per annum.

The maximum rate of interest allowed on Deposits lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will be reduced to 41% per annum.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited, Head Office, BO, Box 31, 42 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YE.

Williams & Glyn's

announces that the following rates will apply from and including Tuesday 26th April

Base rate..... 9% p.a. Deposit rate..... 4½% p.a.

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Midland Bank Base Rate

Midland Bank Limited announces that with effect from Tuesday April 26th 1977, its Base Rate is reduced by ½% to 9% per annum.

Deposit Accounts. Interest paid on accounts held at branches and subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal is 4½% per annum.



Midland Bank

Business appointments

New F H Lloyd Holdings director

made a director of P. M. 2009Holdings.
Mr R. K. Watson, deputy chairman of Scottish Life Assurance, is to become chairman in succession to Mr P. W. Turcan, who is retiring but who will remain on the board.
Mr G. T. Geddes, Mr D. W. T. Mackenzie and Mr R. B. Perry are now directors of Hogg Robinson Group.

Standard Chartered

announce that on and after

the following annual rates will apply

Base rate 9%

Deposit rate . . . $4\frac{1}{2}$ %

Standard Chartered
Bank Limited

the 26th April, 1977

Mr Stanley Arthur Ford has become technical director of the second technical director of Ransomes & Rapier, with board level responsibilities for all engineering design, development and quality assurance functions at their three manufacturing facilities at Ipswich, Sheffield and Occount.

previously managing director, is returning to the United States. He will, however, retain con-nexions with Anglesey Aluminium, and has been made deputy chair-

man.
Mr R. W. S. Plumley has succeeded Mr C. D. Alexander as chairman of Jamaica Sugar Estates.
Mr Hugh Hart becomes deputy

Mr D. G. Jefferies will be director of personnel management

ously production director, managing director; Mr J. E. Jones, previously administrative director, deputy managing director; 'Mr W. O. D. Eadie becomes financial director. Mr E. H. Saugwine, Mr G. F. Hum has been made chalman of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society. Mr C. W. Thurston has become commercial director of GEC Com-

Mr F. W. Knight, group managing director United Kingdom for Bristol-Myers becomes territorial director United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.



become the new chairman of Scottish Life Assurance.

Mr John Searson has been made chairman and financial director of Hickin Signs.

Mr. E. Lea has been made financial controller of BICC Indus-trial Products. Mr D. Henderson takes up a similar post with BICC Mr John Payne has become managing director of Access Equipment, succeeding Dr Bruce Whitewell, who remains a direc-

tor.
Mr J. L. D. Galley has been made managing director of Giddings & Lewis-Fraser. Mr H. C. Soukup communes as chairman and

Solution committee as that has been appointed a director of Higgs and Hill Overseas. He is resigning as a director of Higgs and Hill Northern, Mr L. Stoller has been made managing director of Higgs and Hill Northern, Mr N. L. G. Lambert, Mr I. R. Newton and Mr T. Taylor join the board.

Investment in mines continues to rise

Consumers lag behind nations in support for coal industry

1973/74 led to a significant Kingdom. improvement in the value of European coal reserves.

Investment per ton of output increased in all European coalproducing countries. England, for example, only invested 1.42 units of account (UA) per ton of output in 1972, capital expenditure had risen to 2.78 UA by 1975. In West Germany investment in coal more than doubled, rising from 0.71 to 1.72 UA; the actual figures are available for 1976 and show that DM 867m (about 1976) was invested in coal £216m) was invested in coal mining: this compares with DM 673m in 1975.

Even the "lesser" coal producers like France and Belgium support their mining industries support their initing industries financially: in France investment per tonne increased from 0.53 UA in 1972 to 1.35 UA in 1975, and investment in Belgium from 0.81 UA to 1.07 UA over the same period.

This readiness of the producers and politicians to fight back at oil with domestic energy sources was not, however, supported by the consumers. European production by the Nine did admittedly rise from 243 million tonnes in 1974 to 257 million tonnes in 1975, but stocks rose from 11 to 26 million tonnes.

In 1976 production fell back in the individual countries: from 99 to 96 million tonnes in West Germany, from 22.4 to year.
21.9 million tonnes in France, from 7.5 to 7.2 million tonnes in Selgium, and from 128 to coal for these increased imin West Germany, from 22.4 to

Production in The Netherlands was discontinued in 1975, and in Italy and Eire there are only some 200 men producing 50,000 tonnes a year in each

When looking at the volume of investment in coal mining in Europe, it must be remembered that, under the so-called Brussels guidelines—to which the United Kingdom will also be subscribing in future—major capital expenditure may have same effect as investment and still not have to be shown in the balance-sheet as such; that is, it can be included under Other Expenditure" in the heet and duly deducted

from profits before tax. As a rule of thumb this sort of expenditure (for example for extending pits, shoring and track) of the nature of an investment accounts for roughly 60 per cent of the actual

In Europe the coal-mining industry is not just efflicted by the poor economic climate: the producers are worried that, despite the slump in demand, European Community imports of coal from other countries rose from 38 million tonnes in 1974 to 41 million tonnes in 1975. Movements of coal inside the Community decreased from about 20 to 16.6 million tonnes, with Germany responsible for 13 million tonnes as against 16 million tonnes in the previous

ports: to the contrary, exports fell from 20.4 to 17.3 million tonnes, leading to an increasin the "trade deficit" in coa from 36 to 39.7 million tonnes

Electricity generation and iron and steel production are the mainstays of the European coal-mining industry, but it was exactly the slump in the steel industry. In 1974 European furn. aces consumed 94.5 million tonnes of coking coal; in 1975 this was down to 76 million tonnes, and 1976 saw no rewival

The impact of the economic situation was less noticeable in the electricity generation in dustry; here the demand for coal only declined slightly from 276 to 272 million tonnes.

This meant that the share of coal in primary fuel input for electricity generation fell fur-ther to 27.9 per cent (in-1971 coal still had a share of 36.1 per cent).

Coal's share in electricity production in West Germany is 24.7 per cent, below the average for the Community. In France it is only 16.4 per cent.

By contrast, energy policy in the United Kingdom favours a greater share for coal in electricity production, and this has accordingly risen from 57.1 m 62.4 per cent.

Italy is not a coal producer, and it is not surprising that the share of coal in primary fuels in electricity generation is only 1.2 per cent; but even here it

was still 3 per cent in 1971.

Hans Baumann

Barclays Bank Base Rate

With effect from the close of business on 26th April, 1977, our Base Rate will be decreased from 9½% to 9% per annum. The basic interest rate for deposits will be decreased by ½% from 5% to 4½% per annum.

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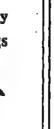
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Lloyds Bank Base Rate

Lloyds Bank announces that, with effect from Tuesday, April 26th, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is reduced to 9%. The rate of interest on 7-day notice Deposit accounts and Savings

Bank accounts will be 4½%, a decrease





Coutts & Co. announce that their Base Rate for lending will be reduced from 9½% to 9% per annum for balances in their books on and after 26th April, 1977 and until further notice.

The Deposit Rate on monies subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal will be reduced from 5% to 4½% per annum.

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS
Notice is hereby given that the
extiects annual general meeting of
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held at 44 Main Street, Johannesburg
on Wednesday, May 18, 1977, at
11h00 for the following business:
1. To receive and consider the
annual financial statements in
respect of the year ended December 31, 1975.
2. To elect directors in accordance
with the provisions of the Corporation's articles of association.
3. To consider and if deemed fit to
pass with or without modification,
the following resolution as an
ordinary resolution, namely:
"That the directors be and they
are hereby authorised:
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(ii) To make arrangements on
such terms and conditions as they may determine.
(iii) To make arrangements on ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED (ii) To make arrangements on such terms and conditions as they may deem fit for the subscription by underwriters

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LONDON BRICK COMPANY

Sir Ronald Stewart, Bt., **Announces Record Results** and Comments on **Monopolies Commission Report**

statement of the Chairman, Sir Ronald Stewart, Bt., for the year ended 31 st December 1976 :

FINANCIAL Profits for 1976 were in excess of those of the previous year and astablished a new record for the Group. Turnover increased from £66,954,000 to £76,580,000, and for the first time the value of export sales exceeded £1,000,000. Profits before charging depreciation amounted to £12,141,000, compared with £11,340,000 for the previous year. After charging depreciation of £1,620,000 compared with £1,549,000, the profit before texation was £10,521,000 compared with £9,791,000. After providing corporation tax at 52% the profits after taxation amounted to £5,196,000 compared with £4,605,000 for the previous year.

A provision of £900,000 has been made against the cost of investments held by the Group.

An interim dividend of 1.1323p per Ordinary Stock unit of 25p has been paid and a final dividend for the year of 1.7576p is recommended. The total dividend of 2.8899p is the maximum permitted by the Treasury. The retained profit for the year amounted to £2,581,000 and has been

TRADING YEAR Profits were hit by a combination of bad weather and the damaging effect of Government measures on housebuilding in the closing months of the year. Once again our main market was hit by cuts in Government spending in the public sector combined with the damaging effect of high interest rates in the private sector and the stability for which the industry craves was once again denied us. Our vulnerability as a process industry to the cyclical nature of construction in this country is by now well known and has led us In recent years both to broaden our base in this country and to seek new markets overseas.

BRICK PRODUCTION The Monopolies Commission Report which came out in the summer of 1976 stated that the Company's monopoly position in fletton brickmaking was not deliberately sought and was the natural result of London Brick's greater efficiency in fletton brickmaking. The Commission was in fact obviously impressed by the Company's experience and skill in the manufacture of fletton bricks and by the steps it had taken both to build new works and to bring the efficiency of works it had acquired up to its own overall standard of efficiency. They noted, however, that the Company had quite understandably kept in production older and higher cost works and that these had acted as a valuable buffer against the vagaries of the building cycle. After thoroughly examining the Company's record of investment in replacement plant and in evaluating the economics of building new works against maintaining existing plant, the Commission recorded that they saw no grounds for criticism of the Company's recent investment performance or its current strategy.

BRICK DEMAND The overall figure of 326,000 houses started in 1976, whilst much the same in total to the previous year, masks a continuing rise in starts in the first half of the year, followed by a fall which gained momentum as the year progressed. As the Monopolies Commission pointed out, the brick industry has suffered perhaps more than any other producer of building materials from fluctuations in construction activity. It pointed out that such fluctuations create additional costs and increase the risks of investment and concluded significantly "there are no remedies short of a more stable climate for the industry for which Government has a special degree of responsibility."

PRICES During 1978 the average delivered cost of fletton bricks rose by seventeen per cent. The Monopolies Commission, judging the London Brick price record over a twenty-year period, noted that the Company sought to achieve its profit objectives by increasing the volume and efficiency

DISTRIBUTION The Monopolies Commission with one dissentient criticised the Company for seeking a lower margin on bricks delivered longer nearer home. For many years the Company has done this, both to level out prices to customen throughout the country and to try to echieve the greatest economy of scale. The Commission criticised the Company not because of any adverse effect on the customer but because they believed it constituted untain competition against the Company's competitors. The adoption of the Commission's recommendation will only have a marginal effect on the Company's sales at distant points and is unimportant commercially.

BRICK BANK The suggestion of a "brick bank" originally proposed by the Trade Unions whereby Government might help the brick industry to finance a higher level of stock and thus help to preserve employment at times of low demand was considered by the Monopolles Commission to be worthy of closer study by Government. To our mind It treats the symptom rather than the disease and Government would be better employed as the largest client of the building industry in seeking to provide some greater continuity and stability. In its demands on the industry rather than in seeking to ameliorate the III affects of the present instability.

PROFITABILITY The Monopolies Commission report showed that in terms of capital employed at no time over the last twenty years had the return exceeded 30% and that the average level of Group profit had been 23%. They concluded that the Company had not used its monopoly position to make excessive profit out of fletton

LONDON BRICK BUILDINGS During the year the sales of the different companies within London Brick Buildings was to a larger or lesser extent affected by the growing squeeze on disposable incomes. Hardest hit were perhaps those whose products involved substantial outlay to the householder. There was a reduction in demand for garages, home extensions and fencing, but the high cost of food in the shops helped to maintain the demand for greenhouses and Alton with its unique position in this market made a substantial contribution to Group profit.

OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES Once again there was a dramatic increase in export sales and whilst this still only represents a fraction of total turnover it does represent a conscious effort on behalf of management to extend overseas activities. The new brick factory at Tehran will come on stream in the autumn of this year and will be the first plant abroad to use the London Brick system of manufacture. Although London Brick Buildings' overseas activities are obviously on a smaller scale they are widespread and are rapidly expanding.

PROSPECTS Trading in the opening weeks of the current year has been at a depressed level. Brick deliveries have been adversely affected both by the waterlogged condition of building sites and by the poor demand for new building.

The continuing fall in Minimum Landing Rate: and the consequent improvement in the flow of funds into the building societies gives us reason to hope that the climate for private housebuilding is now improving and that this will in due course be reflected in an improvement in private housing starts. . . The acquisition of The Croydex Company, who

manufacture a wide range of products for the homsand garden, will further reduce the Company's " dependence on the cyclical nature of new house-building and will broaden the service we can provide to the individual householder.

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top £1m for first time

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By Tony May

A. strong second-half has

taken pre-tax profits of Winn
ladustries over the £1m-mark
for the first time. On turnover

5 per cent up at £18.6m pre
tax profits for 1976 jumped 29

per cent to a record £1.13m.
This indicates a rise in margins
from 5 to 6.1 per cent.

After debiting £9,000 of extraordinary items, retained profits are £222,000, against £12,000. On this the dividend is being raised from 3.49p to 3.85p gross, while earnings a share are 4.7p against 4.3p.

share are 4.7p against map.

At midway, the group, which recently sold its 22 per cent stake in Mann & Overton, the taxical group, reported a record light in the pre-tax profit of £452,000. The managed to raise its the deam stake in Mann & Overton, the axicab group, reported a record pre-tax profit of £452,000. The group managed to raise its turnover from £8.58m to £8.87m despite sharply increased costs. On the whole the group was trading well, but some subsidiaries were under-trading.

The second-half saw profits jump 45 per cent to £635,000, reflecting the tighter rein now being kept on the group—which these days is mainly interested in building and engineering.

sank borrowings are soon expected to be nil, and investment in "the right" kind of company is very much in the board's mind.

Winn goes up Sterling fall put Chrysler adrift of forecast

By Victor Felstead

Sales of Chrysler Kingdom contracting from 1351. in to \$231.57m, in 1976, it reports an operating loss, before interest and tax, up from £25.14m to £32.71m. There was a loss, after all charges, of £42.89m, against £35.51m, before the Government grant of £41.5m. So the net loss was cut to £1.39m, against £35.51m. Meanwhile all of the programmes involved in the reorganization of manufacturing

either been completed or are on schedule. The company spent £13.6m on facilities, buildings, plant, equipment and tooling in 1976. This major restructuring programme limited production of vehicles last year, which lowered the company's sales potential. potential.

Chrysler's loss is slightly higher than expected at the time of the agreement with the Government. But it was caused mainly by the deterioration in sterling. The effect of this was £4.9m, so Chrysler would have operated within its original forecast for 1976, but for sterling weakness.

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ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED (" AAC ")

BAND SELECTION CORPORATION LIMITED ("RAND SELECTION") (Both of which are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

At the measure of absreholders of Rand Selection held on 25th April, 1917 the special resolution for the reduction of capital of Rand Selection whereby Rand system will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of AAC, was approved in addition the resolutions relating to the conversion of portion of the pre-termice share capital of Rand Selection into ordinary share capital of Rand Selection into ordinary share capital of Rand Selection were approved. The necessary increase of ordinary share capital of AAC to effect the investment of the pre-termic share capital of Rand Selection to the same day.

Application will be made by Rand Selection to The Supreme Court of South Africa (Witwatersrand Local Division) on 3rd May, 1977 to confirm the reduction of capital of Rand Selection to give effect to the morger than the day The Supreme Court of South Africa confirms the reduction of And Selection's share capital then the satient dates of the morger will be those stated in the circular to starsholders, namely:

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those stated in the circular to shareholders, namely:

(e) THE RECORD DATE, i.e. the lest day for Rand Selection shareholders to register for purposes of the mergar will be 5th May, 1977

(b) THE OPERATIVE DATE, i.e. the date on which—

(i) Its merger will become operative; and

(ii) the listing on The Johannesburg Slock Exchange and The Stock Exchange in London for the new AAC ordinary shares allotted to give effect to the merger will commence;

will be 9th May, 1977.

Rand Selection shareholders will be informed of any change in either of these dates.

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AAC share certificates (where the Rend Selection share certificates, or other documents of little, are surrendered before the operative tidals) will be pasted on 27th May, 1877.

passed on 27th May, 1877.

The rights offer of ordinary shares in Rand Selection is due to close on 6th May, 1877. If the reduction of capital of Pand Selection to give effect to the merger is confirmed by the Court. AAC proposes to make an offer to Rand Selection on behalf of the subscribers to the rights offer to silot and issue to them two ordinary shares in AAC in consideration for the cancellation of their rights to raceive such Rand Selection ordinary share subscribers. Such AAC ordinary shares will not questify for a proposed special dividend of 8.25 cants per chare to be declared by AAC to retinary shares will not questify for a proposed special dividend of 8.25 cants per chare to be declared by AAC to the ordinary shareholders registered on 6th May, 1977 (1" the record date.)

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"The Group made further gains, to achieve record sales and earnings, in the year under review. The second half performance exceeded, by a good margin, the first half performance and, over the year, the Group did better than the interim forecast." Sir Joseph Hunt, M.B.E. Chairman

COMPARATIVE FIGURES	1976 £000	£000 Restated
Turnover	5,611	3,637
Turnover % incresse on year: 54% Profit before Tax Profit before tax % incresse on year: 47%	871	543
Profit after Tax	403	311
Dividends per share Earnings per share (fully difuted) Net Tangible Assets per share	2,1p 12.4p 73.4p	1.9p 9.5p 62.8p
The Annual General Meeting of the Com	pany w	iill T

be held at the Abercorn Rooms, L 12 noon on Thursday, 19th May, 1977. Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Company Secretary, The Huntleigh Group Limited, Glover Street, Redditch 898 78Q.



Earnings per share, net

The City Offices **Company Limited**

Extracts from the Report and Accounts for the Year 1976

1.89p

2.32p

- Pre-tax profits have increased for the eleventh successive year and the maximum permissible dividend has been declared.
- Net rental income is higher and more freehold industrial property was acquired during the year.
- A revaluation of investment properties has disclosed a net appreciation of £944,778.

Year ended 31st December				
1976				
£000				
1,232				
535				
356				
179				

Stock markets

Equities drift back from firm start

The new account got away to a subdued start as pay doubts continued to outweigh the incen-tive of still lower interest rates. Not even the expected round of base rate cuts from the clearing banks was able to stimulate much interest and the FT Index. 1.2 ahead at 10 am, drifted

Clients of stockbrokers Simon & Coates should have woken this morning to the sound of a 163-page plus survey on rewiling thumping through their letter-boxes. Principal among the brokers' recommendations is Boots, whose projitability, they say, is growing more rapidly than that of any other retailing major any other retailing major—thanks largely to its non-retail octivities. But, in addition, they like Gussies for its high yield, low rating and mail order. and assembly facilities have

> lower thereafter to close 3.3 off at 419.0.
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> There was a similar lethargy in the git-edged market where long dates reversed early quarrer-point gains to close a similar amount lower. At the short end, issues ended at their overnight levels or a chade

firmer. With lower interest rates of With lower interest rates of more than usual significance to property shares, the sector largely held on to early gains. The pick of the bunch was Hay's Wharf, which soared 50p to 152p in the hope that Ocean Transport will raise its terms which came late on Friday. The hope of a satisfactory settlement of its boardroom troubles had Peachey 3p to the good at bad Peachey 3p to the good at 47 p with Berkeley Hambro 85p and Land Securities 170p

also rising by the same amount. There were also strong rises from Hammerson "A", 7p to 410p, Haslemere, 6p to 182p, and Bernard Sunley, 5p to 155p. The Ekolisk well blow-out served to depress oil shares, particularly Petrolina which owns around 30 per cent of the consortium and which closed £12.50 lower at £101.50, BP lost 14p to 910p, Shell, 8p to 508p. fative favourite, fell 15p to 285p as profits were taken. But hopes of a bid had Swan Hunter 5p up to 119p and British & Commonwealth 2p ahead at 287p, both being major shareholders. Elsewhere in shipping, Hunting Gibson continued its recent strength with another 5p rise

112-50 lower at £101.50, BP lost 14p to 910p, Shell, 8p to 508p, and IC Gas was off 15p On the electrical pitch, Rey-relle Parsons traded at 168p against a background of con-jecture that the Parsons com-pany will be sold off to GEC, off a penny at 173p. Greenwells have produced a

Greenwells have produced a study of the turbine generator

Hawker Siddeley continued to gain ground in engineers with a rise of 6p to 564p. Com-ment helped Upited Wire to ment helped United Wire to a 9p jump to 64p and figures from Simon had the shares 4p to the good at 166p. Others to attract support were Laird Group, 4p to 581p, and Herbert Morris, 5p to 292p. In the shipping sector, Com-mon Brothers, a recent specu-

continued to go shead but Gill & Duffus, where final figures are due on Friday, lost Sp to 223p. Latest dividends

Among the speculative stocks, Gallenkamp "A" 4p to 288p and United Scientific 6p to 200p

Latest dividends							
Company		Crd	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev	
(and par va		div	ago	date	total	year	
William Be	aird (£1) Fin	5.7	4.93	3.7	8.3	year 7.5	
	itson (20p) Fin	1.3	1.04	_	1.82	1.04	
BSG int		1.13	0.32	_	1.62	0.65	
Christies 1	nt (10p) Fin	1.93	1.91	16 6-	2.93	2.66	
Famell Ele	c (20p) Fin	2.43	2.21	1/7	3.83	3.48	
John Lain;		2.07	0.8*	_	2,82	1.47*	
	Hage) (25p) Fin	1.52	1.32	15,6	2.27	2.06	
R.T.Z. (25		4.32	2.78	24.5	8.9	5.37	
	(Lou) (20p) Fin		2.27	_	3.21	2.92	
Simon Eng	g (2Sp) Fln	4.55		1.7	6.95	6.32	
Winn Inds		1.46	1.3	_	2,5	2.27	
Dividends	in this table are	shown	net of	tax on	pence p	er share.	
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The base rate cuts did little for the clearing banks with Barclays shedding 5p to 245p, National Westminster 3p to 225p, Midland 2p to 280p and Lloyds at an unchanged 210p. Firmer spots in the sector were to be found in Smith St Aubyn 2p at 20 Nichelment Research to 185p.

Buildings had Laing ordinary and "A" shares both 2p lower at 92p after figures which, although better than most estim-

2p to 70p, Kleinwort Benson 2p to 88p and Arbathnet Latham 2p to 120p.

The annual report lowered San Alliance 8p to 407p but some of the brokers closed a

although better than most estimates, showed a worsening of the overseas side. Ahead of its statement later this week, Wimpey eased 1½p to 57p. Dealers are looking for profits of £38m, against £35.4m. Hotels continued to attract demand in a sector which is rife with bid rumours. The best were Rowton, up 12p to 122p, and Trust Houses Forte where the gain was 3p to 147p. Profittaking clipped 8p from Centre Hotels at 38p.

Among the speculative stocks, Dealers are looking for full-year profits of around £43m, against £49m, from Sir Charles Clore's Sears Holdings. A better-thanexpected return from United Kingdom shoe retailing should help to lessen the impact of lasses in the United States. The group is the Ontied States. The group is thought to have done particularly well immediately before the December mini-Budget. The shares held steady

> shade firmer. RTZ traded at 237p after exemption from dividend controls. At its best it touched 244p. News that BPC had sold its stake had Marshall Cavendish 4p ahead a 47p and retailer Nurdin & Peacock added 3p to 125p. Equity turnover on April 22 was 279.97m (17,859 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, Shell, GKN new, BAT Dfd, GKN, Barclays, Courtailds, Marks & Spencer, ICC Constitution of the State of IC Gas, Swan Hunter, Hay's Wharf, Reyrolle Parsons, GEC, GMH, Parnel Electronic,

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AAC faces heavier tax on gold profits

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Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, the R4,900m mining finance and industrial group, is facing heavier tax requirements on gold profits.

Seessing the importance of maintaining and encouraging the confidence of investors, especially those based overseas". Mr Harry Oppenheimer thairman, states in his annual report, "ir is most unfortunate report, "it is most infortunate that the government should have chosen at a time of great difficulty for the industry to fucrease the rate of tax payable through higher surcharges and loan levies. The effect of these changes is that richer mines may now contribute as much as 74 per cent of their profits to

the fiscus".

Although AAC has not suffered from severe labour disputes and shortages, the potential losses of mining production on failure to reach agreement with the Mine Workers' Union could be very serious".

Labour relations in the industry last year, Mr Oppenheimer claims, enjoyed comparative peace but the fundamental problem could "only be fully resolved by creating a permanent labour force". Reinsists, however that the core insists, however, that the cost of housing all mining employees and their families is "quite beyond the resources" of the

Attributable profits for 1976 climbed 1.8 per cent to £86.28m which, in view of the political disturbances and the decline in real domestic spending, regards as "satisfactory". The post-tax total excludes a R20m provision against the

Mr Harry Oppenheimer, chair-man of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa.

investment made in the Société Minière de Tenke Fungurume. The political and economic situation in Zaire coupled with the fall in the copper price, which precluded the comple-tion of satisfactory financing agreements, persuaded the partners to stop work on this yenture. But the viability of an operation on a smaller scale is being considered. Though world conditions remain unfavourable for financing such a major project", AAC and its partners "continue to have con-fidence in the long-term viabi-lity of SMTF".

TI's business strategies are coming through in profits

In his statement to shareholders the TI Chairman, Mr. Brian Kellett, says: "We are now beginning to see the fruits of deliberate strategies over recent years aimed at much improved performance. The results of our efforts have so far come through most strongly in the Steel Tube and Aluminium Divisions' In other areas "much of the groundwork has been done and we are confident that we are now moving strongly in the right direction. We have a range of basically sound businesses making products people want and are likely to go on wanting".

Despite the continuing recession in the UK and in many overseas markets, the value of TI's sales increased by 10% in 1976 to £716 million, while profit before tax rose 17% to £49.6 million. Although the seasonal rate of profits is normally higher towards the end of the year, it is notable that in 1976 £31.1 million of the profits were carned in the second half. This performance represents considerable progress in a number of TI's key business areas.

Progress in the Divisions

The Steel Tube Division had a good year. The substantial capital expenditure over recent years at the major seamless tubemaking plants of Tl Weldless and TI Desford and on gas cylinder manufacture at TI Chesterfield has proved very successful. Effective operation of these capital-intensive plants requires an assured supply of consistently high quality steel. For this reason TI has backed the continuous casting scheme at Round Oak Steel Works, jointly owned with the British Steel Corporation; steel from the new unit is now being processed in the tube works with excellent results.

The Cycle Division recovered well in 1976. Its world wide spread of business enabled the effects of the collapse of the USA market to be offset by increased sales in other markets, particularly Nigeria. Substantial sums have been committed to two expenditure schemes at Sturmey Archer and Cox of Watford to improve plant layout and productivity.

The Domestic Appliance Division had a difficult year as a result of the low UK demand for consumer durables. Reorganisation programmes have now brought capacity in all the Division's significant products into proper relationship with prospective demand, while extensive plant re-equipment programmes are beginning to show results. Improved prospects for 1977 are evident.

In the Engineering Division, Crane Packing maintained its excellent performance. The Transport Equipment companies made good progress, demand for their products being related to the steadily increasing vehicle population rather than to the vehicle manufacturing sector.

1976 was a year of low demand for machine tools. Numerically controlled machines are, however, seen to have great growth potential for Machine Division. An important re-equipment programme has been put in hand at Charles Churchill.

Divisional Sales and Profit Before						
Loan Interest						
£ million	Sales	Profit				
Steel Tube	231.5	26.6				
Cycle	107.9	6.1				
Domestic Appliance	114.1	1.0				
Engineering	6.06	3.7				
Machine	41.9	0.8				
Industrial Electrical	15.5	0.5				
Allen West & Simplex-GE	29.7	. 2.8				
Consumer Finance	3.4	1.4				
Overseas	111.8	7.9				
Service and other companies	_	(0.3)				
Aluminium: Proportion of BA						
Group profit before tax attributable						
to TI		0.4				

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Industrial Electrical Division maintained its profits, despite its close dependence on the currently depressed construction industry. Allen West & Simplex-GE Division, which acquired Wallacetown in 1975, has successfully extended the flameproof component business, which is well equipped to meet increasing demands for coal-mining equipment.

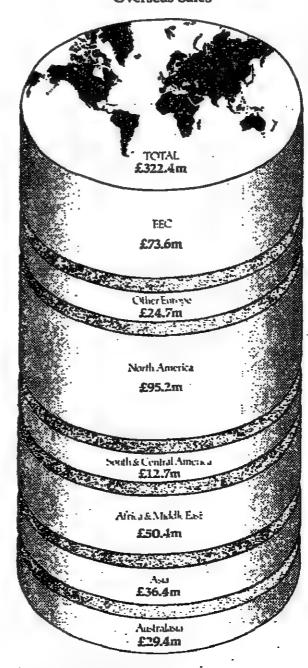
British Aluminium achieved a substantial expansion in profits as the result of a comprehensive business strategy following up the commissioning of the Invergordon smelter.

TI's spread of business

TI's business is spread between the UK and overseas markets, and between capital and consumer goods. Much of the credit for the increase in sales in 1976 is due to overseas business, both locally by the Group's overseas subsidiaries, and from exports from the UK based companies.

Sales to overseas customers rose by £62 million to £322 million, an increase of 24%. TI's overseas aproad is shown on the diagram below and illustrates the continuing importance of North America and the EEC. Of the Group's total sales, 45 °, now come from overseas or export business.

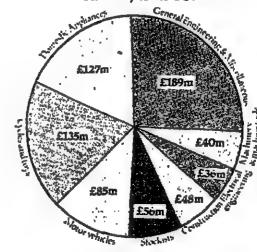
> Geographical Distribution of Overseas Sales





The end uses of the Group's sales are approximately as shown in the chart below.

Sales by End Use



Total-£716 million

Capital expenditure and cash In 1976 TI devoted £21.9 million to capital expenditure schemes -41% more than in 1975 - and it is intended to increase the rate of spending still further in the future. This growth in capital expenditure formed part of a planned increase in TI's borrowings.

In the TI Report to Employees Mr. Kellett. sounds a note of warning: "We did not generate enough cash last year to meet all our needs, and our borrowings increased by £18 million during the year. This demonstrates that if we are to continue with our spending programmes, which are so vital for our future, we need much higher profits yet. I am sure this is the right course for TI - to develop into a high-profit, well-equipped Group".

Where TI stands

In his statement to shareholders Mr. Kellett writes: "We are clear that the final test for us is in the market place. We must produce goods and services which we are able to sell in sufficient volume and at a sufficient price to enable us to generate enough profit to sustain our businesses for the future. That requires us to be at least as well-equipped as our international competitors, and as efficient and productive in our processes and our working practices".

Referring to employee participation in industry he states: "TI has long recognised that people want to know and should know what is going on in the areas that concern them and their work. They want to understand the decisions that affect them, and to be able to feel confident that these decisions are sensible and based on rational criteria. Only if these reasonable aspirations are met can the conditions for a successful business be created and sustained. Among these conditions are pride in product and performance, and the identification of job security with company prosperity and of individual reward with contribution to that prosperity".

He rejects the Bullock proposals as potentially damaging and writes: "The constructive approach we are adopting in TI is to continue our efforts to improve communication at operating levels about the progress and prospects of the businesses, and to develop closer understanding and involvement by employees in the business developments and Jecisions that may affect them".

Cupies of the TI Annual Report for 1976, containing the Chairman's Statement, a Business Review and the Directors' Report and Accounts, may be obtained from the Scientary, Tube Investments Lannted, TI House, Five Ways, Bunungham Blo 85Q.

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. Lewis Whyte, C.B.E., F.F.A., on the Group Report and Accounts

Year of reorganisation Growth in premium income Increased bonuses

1976 has been another satisfactory year for your Company. Good progress has been made in increasing the premium income, the yield on the funds is materially higher than last year and a degree of success has been achieved in controlling the rise in the normal expenses of operation. Much of the success can be directly attributed to the efforts of the staff. I therefore will commence my statement by thanking everyone on behalf of the directors for all they have achieved during the past year.

Group Reorganisation 1976 has also been a year of reorganisation within the group. Following the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 2nd August, 1976 your Company acquired from National Westminster Bank Limited its 49 per cent shareholding in Welfare Insurance Company Limited and that company became a wholly-owned subsidiary of London and Man-

in my letter to shareholders of 8th July, 1976. I referred to the problems of Welfare Insurance meeting the valuation and admissibility regulations made under the Insurance Companies Act, 1974. which came into force on 1st May, 1976. As outlined in that letter, the directors deemed it necessary to transfer at proper value certain assets from Welfare to London and Manchester where, because of the much greater size of the fund, they would be fully admissible. As part consideration for this the liabilities relating to a substantial block of appropriate life assurance business were also transferred by way of

I am glad to report that Welfare now no longer requires dispensation from any of the regulations. We are convinced that the time when Welfare becomes a profitable subsidiary has been brought

At about the time of the transfer of assets already referred to, Welfare Insurance had made an offer to acquire the balance of the issued share capital of Keith & Henderson Limited not already owned by it. That offer was accepted at a price of 83p per share and the shareholding was one of the assets transferred to London and Manchester. Keith & Henderson is therefore now a wholly-owned subsidiary of your

The Board

In August the directors appointed Mr. D. H. Baker, F.C.A., Director and General Manager of Welfare insurance, to the Board of your Company.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Rhyl retires at the Annual General Meeting having reached the age of 70. Lord Rhyl has been a director of the Company since 1960 and I take this opportunity of expressing the Board's warm appreciation of his shrewd wisdom and advice during the past 17 years. He has always been one of the staunchest of colleagues.

Subject to shareholders' approval the directors have invited me to remain as Chairman for one further year. Accordingly, special notice has been given of a Resolution for my re-appointment as a director to be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

In anticipation of my retirement in 12 months time and in the light of the need for a full-time Chairman, Mr. H. L. K. Browne, the Company's Chief Executive, has been appointed as a Deputy Chairman with a view to his appointment as Chalmen to succeed me, Lord Wakehurst will continue to hold office as a Deputy Chairman.

Ordinary Branch
The Increased figures for new sums assured and new annual premiums reflect the business reassured from Welfare. During the year there was a welcome Increase in business from our own full-time Field Staff, but business introduced through our broker connection auffered a sharp decline reflecting conditions in the mortgage market.

As a result of our acquisition of Welfare, a company which has specialised in the pensions field for many vears. We are now able to offer a full range of group life and individual pension contracts through the London and Manchester marketing organisation. Industrial Branch

New annual premiums are some 6-2 per cent higher than those for 1975 and the premium income has continued to grow at about the average rate of the

The published expense ratio increased from 46-8 per cent to 47-9 per cent but the increase was caused wholly by the non-recurring expenditure of the move to Exeter. We remain confident that, with the co-operation

and goodwill of our staff we can continue to provide a service in the homes of our policyholders at an acceptable cost to them and at the same time offer a satisfying and progressive career to members of our Field Staff. General Branch

The growth in premium income during 1976 was 17 per cent but, in common with the general experience in the industry, claims experience was

Losses arising from heavy subsidence claims due to the drought of last summer, following considerable storm damage in the early part of the year, had an adverse effect on our profit share and, after charging administration costs, there was a loss of £196.000.

The level of Welfare's new business for 1976 was somewhat down on the previous year though, within the overall figures, pensions new business showed a

Chief Office The new Chief Office building at Winslade Manor near Exeter should be completed by the end of the current financial year and we anticipate moving into these premises in the Spring of 1978. Meanwhile, the major part of the Chief Office administration has been accommodated in temporary premises in Exeter where we have recruited some 230 staff to join the 90 people who have transferred from London.

The premises at Finsbury Square, which have been the London and Manchester headquarters for many years, have been sold to Canadian Pacific Steamships

for a sum of approximately £11m. The move to Exeter will enable us to house the Chief Office operations of London and Manchester and Welfare in one place and to effect considerable economies in group administration costs. The move of Welfere staff has now commenced and will continue until the middle of 1978 when Welfare's fine head office building overlooking the Channel at Folkestone will be vacated and available for letting

Investments

(a) London and Manchester The valuation of the investments of the long-term fund at the end of 1976 disclosed a total net appreciation, after estimated contingent liability for tax on capital gains and after the write-up of £850,000 referred to below, of £17-0m. (compared EC2A 1HE.

with an appreciation of £26 6m. for 1975). This figure is based on (a) the Stock Exchange investments (including 75 per cent of the security dollar premium) at middle market price at the end of 1976; (b) properties, including our Chief Office building in Finsbury Square, at current valuation; (c) mortgages and loans at values based on an appropriate market rate of interest over the expected term of the loan.

In my review of our investment policy last year I commented that at times of uncertainty there was much to be said for the old investment adage: "look after the income and the capital will look after itself".

We continued last year to adhere to this philosophy and it was one of the major reasons why the yield on the life funds was increased from 10:37 per cent to over 11 per cent. The increase arose partly from higher dividends on ordinary shares and from certain changes in our ordinary share portfolio, from relatively low-yielding stocks to those giving higher yields. It arose also from other movements in the portfolio of stock exchange securities.

For nearly 25 years we have pursued a policy of adding to investment trust equity or convertible holdings whenever they appeared intrinsically and

The ments of investing in investment trust company stocks are well known and need not be restated here, but there were two developments last year worthy of particular comment. During the latter part of 1976 investment trusts became cheaper in relation to the general equity market than for several years, when measured by the discounts between market prices and net asset values. This relatively poor market performance prompted several management groups to demonstrate the actual investment experience of the companies in each group over a long period of time, and publication of these figures showed convincingly that the management of such funds by the investment trust companies was in fact very expert and well above the average performance of markets as a whole.

At the same time many investment trust companies, which are free from dividend limitations since they operate as investment media, were paying out a higher proportion of earnings and giving in many cases very satisfactory dividend increases. Some groups were able to show that the than keeping pace with inflation. Any such ability to exceed the page of inflation in dividend declarations is by itself a favourable factor of profound significance and may well prove to be a more enduring factor in the market assessment of an investment trust's worth than the relationship between price and net asset value.

Although the yield on the life funds improved substantially in 1976 our estimates for the current year indicate a further improvement and we intend to continue the policy of placing prime importance on high income, which we believe is also more likely to increase market values rather than the contrary. Another major factor in our estimate of income sale of 50 Finebury Square, the proceeds from which will be substantially in excess of the cost of the development of the new Chief Office premises at Exeter.

(b) Walfers

The decrease in total policyholders' investments from £59.3m, to £41.9m, is accounted for by the trensfer of assets to the parent company as expleined earlier in my statement.

The major change in the investment portfolio is in the investment trust sector which increased from £8-4m. to £16-8m. largely due to the completion of our reinvestment programme of the various linked funds, particularly of the investment trust fund.

The Complete Bonus System As usual under the Complete Bonus System, all with profit policyholders share in the annual surplus made by the Company in 1976. The bonuses declared represent a further substantial increase in the reversionary bonuses in each branch and £400,000 has been transferred from inner reserve to the ordinary life fund and £450,000 to the industrial life

fund to provide for terminal bonuses. In the Ordinary Branch the reversionary bonus declared stands at £4-50 per cent of the sum assured having increased from £4.25 per cent in the previous year. A 20-year endowment assurance now pays nearly twice the sum assured on maturity.

In the Industrial Branch the reversionary bonuses vary with the type of policy but taking the endowment assurance policy which remains the most popular form of assurance, this year's declaration has reached £3-30 per cent of the sum assured compared

with £3-10 per cent for the year 1975. Profit and Loss Account and Dividend

Transfers from the two life funds have been made on the established basis of 10 per cent of distributable surplus, and a sum of £60,000 has been transferred from the Investment Trust Retirement Annuity Fund. Moves to increase the rate of interest on the vestments of the shareholders' funds have resulted in a further rise of £80,000 in investment income, although this has been partly offset by the adverse results of the General Branch to which I have previously referred.

Your directors have declared two interim dividends which, with tax at 35 per cent, would be the maximum distribution allowable under current legislation. In the event of the rate of tax being reduced this summer to 33 per cent a final dividend of -087795p per share would be permitted and the directors recommend a final dividend of this amount, which would be payable only in the event of such tax reduction. The total gross equivalent dividend for the year of 7-855878p per share is well within the earnings per share of 10-17 pence. Had it not been for legislation restricting dividend increases to not more than 10 per cent gross equivalent, your directors would have been in a position to recommend a total dividend more in line with the earnings.

The Future Our enlarged group embraces all forms of personal insurance contracts. We have made excellent progress in our plans to promote these contracts to the optimum benefit of all concerned, and we believe that we have the people with the technical and managerial skills to achieve our aims. We have made a good start in the first quarter of the current year and I firmly believe that the prospects for growth and profitability are better now than at any other time in recent years.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 18th May, 1977. Copies of the Report, which includes the full text of the Chairman's Statement may be obtained from the Secretary at 50 Finsbury Square,

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Tubes sees fruits of strategy but Weir awaits desalination

By Our Financial Staff

From the heartland of engineering come two encouraging bulletins, but both make it clear industries has a long way to go before boomtime returns.

The first is from Tube Investments which raised pre-tax higher profits. profits from E42.34m to E49.6m

Mr Brian Kellett, chairman, reports that Tubes is now beginning to see the benefit of policies pursued in recent years. The effort put into them

Mr Cyril Stein. chairman and managing director, tells shareholders that profits in the current year to date are "excellent". In 1976, pre-tax profits reached £15.3m putting it in the "elite group of the top 4 per cent of United Kingdom quoted companies in terms of profits". Betting, which contributed 100 per cent of United Kingdom profits in 1970, now produces only one-taxed.

now produces only one-tored.

Ladbroke covers retail bet-

ting, casinos, enterrainments, hotels, holidays, racecourse management and property. It

operated 956 retail betting units at the end of 1976 and has boosted its share of market turnover to 14 per cent, maintaining its position as brand

With the opening this month of a new casino at the Park Towar Hotel, the casinos divi-

sion now runs four casinos in London's prime tourist area, providing substantial foreign

Currency earnings.
The refurbished bingo and

Mr Cyril Stein. chairman and

The chairman's review pinpoints areas that are still slack. bulletins, but both make it clear The domestic appliance division that this sprawling collection of adapted to the United Kingdom downturn in the first half of much better. The division looks forward to generating much

> But the machine division (machine tools are half sales) found demand weak throughout most of last year but it went further into exports, now 51 per cent of sales.

Industrial electricals held years. The effort put into them their own despite construction has so far come through most slump. In the steel division

strongly in the steel tube and there is doubt in the short run about orders.

From Weir Group, the message from Lord Weir is that better exports should present an "oportunity to make at least a modest advance" this year to last year and prospects are now December. Contract completions will probably see most of the gain falling into the second six months.

There are lots of orders for desalination plant but "it is still too early tosee the significant . . profits which we expectin future years".

The chairman notices that borrowings have dropped to 89 per cent of equity capital but this is still too high.

RTZ exemption lifts dividend by 47 pc

By Ashley Druker Rio Tinto Zinc's application for exemption from dividend control has been granted by the Treasury. This is on the grounds that the group's trading profits and operating assets are almost

dividend of 12.31p gross compared with 8.34p.

The final dividend of 4.82p
net, instead of the 2.78p previously declared, will be paid without tax deduction and will carry a tax credit which will be available chiefly to United Kingdom resident shareholders

under double taxation agree

Subject to the recommended final being approved at the annual meeting holders of accumulating ordinary will receive on July 1 a further allotment. credited as fully paid, on the basis of 0.020977 of a new share exclusively overseas or based on operations oversess. As fore-shadowed with 1976 results for every one held.

inchcape set the precedent and RIZ is the latest to use earlier this month, the directors now recommend a total ordinary the overseas assets and earnings argument successfully to increase the dividend beyond the 10 per ceur mark. In 1976 about 90 per cent of assets and 30 per cent of earnings were outside the United Kingdom United the exemption just granted the gross dividend is lifted 47.6 per cent and the yield to 5.52 per and also to shareholders resident in some other countries cent.

Ladbroke again off William Baird to a flying start Ladbroke Group predicts another record year and also promises a substantial increase in dividends when legislation

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Year ended 31st Dec	mber 1976 \$'000	£'000
Turnover	81,716	55,050
Operating Profit Textiles: Baird Textile Holdings Dawson International (29.7% of profit)	2,580 1,819	693 14
Industrial: Darchem Services Investments	4,408 1,364 157	707 71,089 572 480
Interest payable and Central Administration	6,070 (1,239)	2,798 (1,024)
Profit before taxation Profit after taxation and outside shareholders' interests	3,846	1,774
Issued capital in £1 Ordinary Stock Units	13,763	11,251
Earnings per £1 Ordinary Stock	22.1p	9.7p
Dividends: net	8.3105p	7.555p
, with related tax credits (at 35%)	12.7854p	11.6231p

Note: 1. Group results for 1976 include figures for Thomas Marshall Investments for nine months to 31st 2. During the year the Group's 20% holding in Finiterfield-Karvey was sold. Operating Profit of 1976—dividend from that company £84,000, 1975—share of profit £281,000.

One-for-four rights by

Coupled with increased profits and dividends, a rights issue comes from Farnell

Farnell

This electronic component stockholding group is reising 5990,000 by a one-for-four issue at 80p. In the year to January 31 last, turnover rose from £10.18m to £14.12m and pre-tax profits from £1.39m to £1.97m. The total gross payment is raised from 5.35p to 5.9p. It forecasts a total dividend of 10p for the current year to which the Treasury has agreed.

Thomson-Brant rights Thomson Bant SA the French electrical engineering group, intends to make a one-for-five free rights issue and raise the dividend for 1976 from 14.25 to 15.15 francs.—Reuter.

Hisamitsu's sharp rise Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Company in Tokyo in 1976-77, showed a sharp profit rise to February 28 m 343m yen (about £685,000) from 49m yen a year

Trading in the first few weeks of the current year has

been depressed at London Brick Deliveries have been

affected by poor demand and also waterlogged building sites. The fall in MLR is hopeful for

the group, as richer building societies could give a boost

Details of conversion rights on English Property Corporation's 64 per cent loan stock confirm Eagle

Star Insurance's intention not to take its holding beyond the 30 per cent mark. The insurer converted fust under £im of its stock taking its holding in EPC to 27.2 per cent.

HAWTIN JUMPS
Turnover rose from £2.6m to £4.7m for year to January 31. Pretax profit is £594,000 (£327,000). Earnings a share 1.52p (0.06p).

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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ENGLISH PROPERTY

Slow start at Ldn Brick

International

Mr Cyril Stein, chairman of

over 2.000 new members every

week and excellent figures are

Group assets now total £115m, the outstanding change in the

year being investment proper-ties which have increased by

£17m to £44m. These proper-

ties are still included at cost

pending revaluation which is expected to show a substantial

being achieved.

2 oil groups show firstquarter loss

Mr Charles E. Spahr, chair blamed the earnings decline as a contributory factor for the drop in operational results. Net profit in the first quarter fell from \$24.3m (about £14.2m) to \$18.7m. Sales were \$823m against \$717.5m.

Lower first quarter earnings were also reported by the Exxon Corporation. Earnings before financial charges were down 2 per cent to \$713m.

Eurobond issues

Mortgage Investment Company BM-RT plans to raise \$C25m through a five-year Eurobond with an expected coupon of 81 per cent. The lead manager is Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities). The lead to the RM-lead to the R issue is guaranteed by the BM-RT Reaky Investment Trust. Meanwhile Development Fin-

ance Corporation of New Zealand (DFC) intends to issue Sales in the year rose to \$20m notes due in 1984, through a syndicate of banks headed by 1976.—AP-DJ.

Briefly

BROOKS WATSON
On turnover of £66.9m for 1976
(£53.1m), pre-tax profit, £1.2m
(£696,000), Earnings a share 6.0bp

(3.88p). Dividend is 2.77p (1.6p)

Turnover steady for 1976 at E7.6m (£7.5m). Pre-tax profits, £623,000 against £605,000. Dividend 5.28p (3.12p) gross.

Tornover for 1976 up from £6.83m to £8.61m and pre-tax profit from £221,000 to £279,000. Total gross dividend raised from 3.23p (adjusted) to 3.48p, maximum permitted.

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GEERS GROSS

Salient points from Mr. S.A. Field's Statement to stockholders

* Improved profitability

* Increased dividend

* Textile recovery maintained

* Satisfactory growth in Industrial profits

* Restructuring of Services completed

* Continued improvement in sales and profits for the first quarter

The Report and Accounts 1976, including the Chairman's Statement in full, will be dispatched to stockholders on Tuesday, 3rd May 1977. The Annual General Meeting will be held in Glasgow on Friday, 27th May 1977.

William Baird & Company Limited

Administrative Office: City Wall House, 84/90 Chlawell Street, London ECIY 4TP. Registered Office: 168 West George Street, Glasgow 62 2NS.

Arab Bank Ltd



Highlights of 1976 results

Continuous growth Record balance sheet figures were reached in 1976, nearly double those of 1975.

Record earnings Earnings increased from JD36 million in 1975 to JD52 million in 1976.

New branches Five new branches were opened during the year.

	BALA!	NCE SHE	ET, 31st DECEMBER, 1976		
ASSETS	1976 JD'000	- 1975 JD'000	LIABILITIES	1976 JD'000	1975 JD'600
CASH IN HAND & AT BANKS ITEMS IN TRANSIT	392,342	255,010	DEPOSITS & OTHER ACCOUNTS	681,628	468,588
(between branches)	4,393	~	ITEMS IN TRANSIT		
BONDS(Government & Other)	24,305	25,185	(between branches)	- 400	3,274
INVESTMENTS (Incl. Subsidiaries)	6,203	4,733	CAPITAL AUTHORIZED & FULLY PAID		
BILLS DISCOUNTED	33,078	23,303	(JD10 per share)	11,000	5,500
LOANS TO CUSTOMERS	248.085	181,177	STATUTORY RESERVE	6,000	4,750
BANK PREMISES (less	F-101000	101,717	GENERAL RESERVE	10,000	7,000
depreciation)	2,266	1,781	VOLUNTARY RESERVE	3,000	2,750
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT (less depreciation)	753	596	NET PROFIT (for distribution)	1,106	1,106
OTHER ASSETS	1,309	1,183			
TOTAL ASSETS	712,734	492,968	TOTAL LIABILITIES	712,734	492.965
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LME action on option trading

The London Metal Exchange has set up a sub-committee on option trading to defend the right of LME members to sell options to United States citizens. Mr Jacques Lion, LME board member, said that the sub-committee comprises Mr Philip Smith, LME board chairman, Mr Lion, a representative of the LME committee and four representatives of LME members active in option trading.

Mr Lion said that the sub-com-mittee will contest the regulations published on April 5 by the United States Commodity Putpres Trading Commission (CFTC) which restrict the sale of com-modity options to United States citizens.

The LME says that while CFTC has the right to limit sale of options between United States citizens, it should not restrict the sale of LME options by LME members to United States citizens.

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Foreign Exchange

The dollar needed support from several central banks in European currency markets yesterday but sterling quickly surmounted a bour of speculative selling after the Bank of England entered markets to hold its currency, dealers reported.

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The dollar retreated on the United States Government 1.4 percent upward revision in its 1977 inflation forecast, leaving it at a closing 2.368 marks.

Sterling closed at \$1.7191 against the dollar, 6 points up on Friday's close after dipping towards \$1.7170 in the morning. The Bank of England's effective exchange rate closed unchanged at \$1.7.

Dutch intervention was especially intense as the guilder threatened at one stage to break out ened at one stage to break out of the top of the European joint float, dealers said. This followed United States and This followed United States and European rumours that the guilder parity relationship within the float was about to be realigned, Cold closed in Lomion at \$148.625 an ounce, \$1.25 an ounce down on Friday's close.

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Discount market

The Bank of England helped the discount market over a very tight situation yesterday by buying an extremely large amount of Treasury bills and a moderate amount of local authority bills directly from the bouses. This total bill purchasing proved exceptionally large overall. In addition, the Bank lent a very large sum to five or six houses at MLR (81 per cent) for repayment today.

(82 per cent) for repayment to-day.
Some houses paid up to 82 per cent, or 82 per cent for fresh funds during the morning. Others resisted anything more than 83 per cent, but made very limited progress in consequence. In the later stages, however, rates came duwn to between 7 per cent and 8 per cent, the official operations having been apparently a little overdone.

having been apparently a little overdone.

All the identifiable factors of any consequence were against the market. The banks had brought slightly run-down balances across the weekend from Friday, there were very heavy tax payments; there was the very large sum for the f40 instalment due on Exchequer 121 per cent, 1992, and settlement for gits sold by the Government broker on Friday represented a smallish figure.

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Wall Street

New York, April 25.—Stock prices closed sharply lower over a broad fron; on the New York Stock Exchange, weighed down by inflation, a lack of confidence and a steep slide in Eastman Kodak on disappointing earnings.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was off 12.47 points to 914.60. Losses cutnumbered gains by about 1.205 to about 300.

Volume was 20,440,000 shares, compared with 20,700,000 on Friday.

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INTERIM STATEMENT ON THE GROUP PROFIT FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 1976

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	1976	1975	1976
	£'000s	£2000s	£'000s
Group Turnover	32,414	27,003	31,253
Group Profit before Debenture and other			
Long-Term Interest Debengure and other	8,588	6,883	5,531
Long-Term Interest	325	400	766
	8,263	6,483	(a)4,765
Taxation	(b)		2,110
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Earnings per Share			
Relating to Issued Capital	_	_	3.18p
Relating to Fully Diluted Capital			3.05p
Dividend per Share	31st October 31st March 1976 1975 1976 £'000s £'000s £'000s 32,414 27,003 31,253 8,588 6,883 5,531 325 400 766 8,263 6,483 (a)4,765 2,110 2,655 3.18p		

(a) Includes £175,793 commission waived by the Chairman and Managing Director.

(b) Corporation Tax will be assessable in due course on the Trading Profits for the year ended 31st March 1977 when finally ascertained.

(c) The interim dividend of 1.65p per share for the year ended 31st March 1977, which was announced on 8th March 1977, is payable on the 28th April to rhose Shareholders on the Register on 1st April.

It should be noted that most of the Group Trading Income is received between 1st April and 31st October in any year and such income is subject to deduction for the live months (winter) expenses before the year's Trading Profit to 31st March can be determined.

Bookings for the 1977 season both in the United Kingdom and overseas, are comparable with the level of bookings made at this time last year and are therefore considered satisfactory.

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Owing to industrial disputes, it has not been possible to complete the conversion and expansion of the Prestatyn Rollday centre acquired in October 1975. The Directors are hopeful that this site may now be completed in the next few months but feel that it is unlikely to be fully operational before the 1978 areas. before the 1978 season.

The Directors propose that, for the year ended 31st March 1977, the preliminary results will be announced in early July instead of late October, and the announcement of the investment of the control of of the interim results for the seven months period to 31st October 1977 will be made in late December instead of the following April. This timetable will, henceforth, be adopted for subsequent years.

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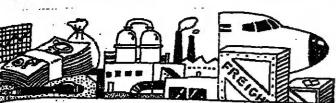
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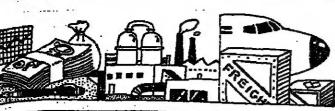
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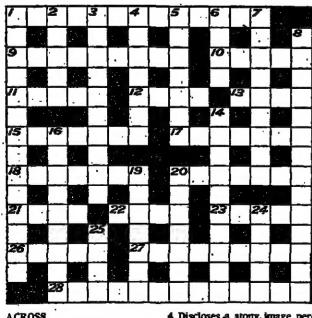
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VESTCH.—On 24th April, 1277.
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1 Writer's wine establishment visited by Aristide (13). 9 Mildred in Rossia once? (9).

12 Stephenson's type of borse 8 Old-timer tumbled, and these 13 Returned key of college (4). 14 Jesters perboos? Jack's one 15 Leares to establish a record

in the game (7).

17 Strip with impatient movement? (7). 18 An eastern ecclesiastic, the old Archbishop of Mainz? 20 Searches around protrac-(7).

20 More than one such penalty 24 Everybody playing in the in the same (7). 21 Not our sole supporter, this 25 A former railway's poor supports this incitement

23-Worn by leatlers of choir or 26 Later mutation of the honey-badger (5).

27 One of those by which adders can multiply (9).

28 Exercist's solution to prob-iem of squatters? (13).

1 County of fast horses (14). 2 Number reduced to any trouble (5). 3 Aze the rail organization, so to coliven us? (10).

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